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#### World

Madrid train bombings: An Italian court held a hearing Friday on Spain's request for the extradition of an alleged mastermind of the Madrid train bombings but made no immediate decision, a lawyer for the Egyptian suspect said.

Viviana Bossi, defense lawyer for Egyptian Rabei Osman Ahmed, said she expe ed a ruling from the Milan court in the "next few days.

Osman Ahmed was arrested June 7 on an international warrant issued by Spanish authorities, and is held in Milan. Milan prosecutors have approved the extradition request, but are now seeking the required

court approval. Bossi said she opposed the request on the grounds that Osman Ahmed already was under investigation in Italy, and that another Italian court had yet to rule on whether police wiretaps on her client could be used as evidence

Sept. 11 suspect: Germany has sent U.S. authorities a detailed query asking for as much testimony as possible from key suspects in the upcoming retrial of a Sept. 11 suspect in Hamburg.

Mounir el Motassdeq, 30, was convicted in February 2003 of providing logistical help to the Hamburg al-Qaida cell and sentenced to 15 years in prison on more than 3,000 counts of accessory to murder and membership in a terrorist organization.

He won a retrial in March, however, after appeals judges ruled he was unfairly denied testimony from Ramzi Binalshibh, a Yemeni in U.S. custody who is believed to have been the Hamburg cell's key contact with al-Qaida. Judges freed him from prison at the same time, saying there was no longer enough evidence to hold him pending his retrial, scheduled to start August 10.

Israeli nuclear whistleblower: Israeli police have begun a criminal investigation against nuclear whistleblower Mordechai Vanunu over interviews he gave to foreign media in an apparent breach of a court order, Israeli officials said Thursday.

The Justice Ministry said in a statement



during the interviews with the British Broadcasting Corp. and the London Sunday Times, given shortly after his release from prison in April, Vanunu made references to secret material he was forbidden to discuss.

that Israel's security

services believe that

The statement gave no further details about Vanunu's alleged violations. As a condition of his release, Vanunu was barred from speaking to foreign journalists.

Pinochet's son detained: The older son of former dictator Gen. Augusto Pinochet was detained Thursday as part of an investigation of a group accused of forging invoices for the sale of vehicles, police said

Pinochet's son, also named Augusto, was transferred to Curico, 116 miles south of



Enron scandal: Kenneth Rice, who once led Enron Corp.'s high-speed Internet unit, leaves federal court in Houston after pleading guilty to securities fraud. Rice was charged in May 2003 with selling 1.2 million shares of Enron stock for more than \$76 million while he knew Enron Broadband Services was failing.

Santiago, where the court handling the case extended his detention until Saturday to allow the prosecution to file charges. A new legal hearing will take place that day.

Augusto Pinochet Hiriart's lawyer, Aldo Luque, said the court agreed to allow his client to remain detained at the local prison's infirmary instead of being taken to a regular

Tamil rebels' child soldiers: Sri Lanka's Tamil Tiger rebels have released 34 children soldiers, the U.N. children's agency UNICEF said Friday

The 21 girls and 13 boys ages 14-17 were released Thursday to a UNICEF-administered transit center in the rebels' northern heartland of Kilinochchi, said Geoffrey Keele, a spokesman for the agency.

"UNICEF welcomes the release of these children" and "looks forward to a renewed commitment by the [Tamil Tigers] to cease all child recruitment and to release those children currently in their ranks," Keele

More than 1,000 child fighters were freed in April after an unprecedented split in the rebel group.

#### Nation

D.C.-area sniper attacks: A court hearing for sniper mastermind John Allen Muham mad was delayed briefly Thursday after Muhammad wriggled out of a chain strapped around his waist

Muhammad was placed back into full restraints without incident, but for a few minutes he was in the courtroom with a lengthy chain gathered in his hands that authorities said was a potential weapon.

Lt. Tony Shobe, a spokesman for the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office, said deputies did not notice the missing chain when they brought Muhammad from a holding cell back to the courtmon after a 15-minute recess. Within a minute or two of court resuming, deputies noticed the chain and alerted

Calif. grocery strike: Ralphs Grocery Co. has acknowledged in a letter to its employees that some store managers allowed locked-out grocery clerks to work during the 141-day Southern California grocery strike in violation of the company's own polices.

In the letter, John Burgon, president of Ralphs Supermarkets, said the company is cooperating with a federal investigation into the charges

"We have now determined that some of the reports of misconduct are correct." Burgon wrote in a letter dated Tuesday.

Burgon wrote that disciplinary action will be taken against store managers and other officials found to have violated the company's policies. Discipline could range from a one-week suspension to firing, he wrote.

Union leaders ordered the strike against Safeway's Vons and Pavilions chains on Oct. 11. Albertsons and Ralphs, a unit of Kroger, then locked out their employees. In all, about 59,000 workers were idled at 859

NYC Sept. 11 aid: The Bush administration has agreed to pay New York \$2 billion in extra transportation money in exchange for unused tax credits that were part of a \$20 billion Sept. 11 aid package, a plan that must now go to Congress for approval.

The cash-for-credit swap has been discussed for months among the White House, state and city officials, and members of Congress.

Gov. George Pataki received a call from the White House on Thursday, informing him that President Bush has approved the request from the city and state to redirect up to \$2 billion in Liberty Zone tax benefits toward transportation projects.

Ban on sex toys: A group of adult-product merchants and customers trying to overturn Alabama's ban on the sale of sex toys will challenge an appeals court ruling that upheld the 6-year-old law, their lawyer said Thursday

Plaintiffs will likely ask the full 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to rehear the case since a divided three-judge panel issued the decision, said attorney Mike Fees, representing store owner Sherri Williams and nine other people who sued to overturn the law.

Depending on what the full court decides, the Supreme Court could be asked to review the case, he said.

In a 2-1 decision Tuesday, the 11th Circuit overturned a lower court and upheld a state law banning the sale of devices designed to stimulate human genitals. The court ruled the state has a legal right to regulate the sale of sex toys and decided the Constitution doesn't include a right to sexual pri-

Stories and photos from The Associated Press

#### Clarification

The caption accompanying a photo of the painting of the static aircraft at RAF Lakenheath, England, in Thursday's paper was incomplete. The painting is a project of Fangeos Contractors of Canvey Island, England

#### Correction

In a story in Friday's editions, the wrong base was given for the 2nd Space Operations Squadron. The unit is b at Schriever Air Force Base, Colo.

#### To our readers

Stars and Stripes newspapers were distributed late in the United Kingdom on Friday because of production problems. Stripes regrets any inconvenience to read-

# NATO agrees to begin training Iraqi forces

BY CONSTANT BRAND The Associated Press

BRUSSELS, Belgium - NATO nations agreed Friday to begin training Iraqi forces, a NATO official said. No details of the agreement were immediately avail-

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said an agreement was reached but did not explain how it resolved a dispute between France and the United States over command and con-

Paris had objected to an American general heading the mission. Secretary-General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer was to brief reporters later on the details of the

Washington had insisted the commander of the NATO mission be linked to the U.S.-led coalition, which will be providing protec-

The deal was reached after three days of marathon talks between NATO's 26 ambassadors and de Hoop Scheffer, who want-

ed an agreement this week. The deal means a planned exploratory mission to Iraq will go

ahead in August, an official said. NATO ambassadors reconvened Friday after consulting capitals on the last outstanding is-

Paris, which abandoned its obiections to a NATO presence inside Iraq, rejected the idea of placing the mission under the operational command of U.S. Gen George Casey, the senior U.S. officer in Iraq.

Washington argues the idea is the best way to protect the mission and ensure its effectiveness.

The U.S. proposal had the backing of a majority of the 26 NATO nations, but unanimity is needed for a decision

Paris suggested postponing a decision on command until September to let the first phase of the mission begin Aug. 6.

A U.S. official declined to comment on the French position. But Washington has pushed for a full decision now so that training can begin quickly in response to urgent pleas from the new Iraqi government.

NATO leaders agreed to the missions at their summit a month ago but left details vague.

Another outstanding issue had to do with whether the mission should be funded by all allies, like the NATO peacekeeping mission in Afghanistan, or only by those sending troops. Diplomats said they thought that was easier to solve than the command ques-

The command issue is especialsensitive for Paris and a handful of other countries that op-posed the U.S.-led war and have refused to send troops to help with the aftermath.

The initial mission NATO in-tends to send Aug. 6 would comprise only 30 or so people and report back to NATO headquarters Sept. 15, followed by a larger mis-

So far NATO's role in Iraq has been limited to providing logisti-cal backup to a Polish-led division working with the American troops. Although 16 NATO members already have some troops there, they NATO flag. they are not under the

### Marines, Iraqi forces attack insurgents in Fallujah

BY RAVI NESSMAN

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD - Fierce overnight fighting between Marines and Iraqi insurgents in Fallujah killed 13 Iraqis and wounded 14 others in a series of gunfights, mortar barrages and airstrikes, local officials said Friday.

Many of those wounded, including at least one child, ap peared to be civilians injured in the U.S. airstrikes, hospital officials said. The military said the insurgents started the fighting by ambushing a patrol and then fled into buildings in the city.

Irag has been beset by surging violence in recent weeks. including a wave of kidnappings and a devastating car bombing Thursday that killed at least 70 people.

Iraqi interim President Ghazi al-Yawer said the vio-

lence proved insurgents were growing desperate

"It think the bad guys, the enemy, the army of the dark-ness is getting more helpless and hopeless, that is why they are stepping up these things. Time and the place is on our side," al-Yawer said after a meeting with U.S. Secre-tary of State Colin Powell, the highest-ranking U.S. official to visit since the handover of sovereignty last month.

During his brief, unannounced trip here Friday, Powell said the United States would speed up the slow pace of re-construction funds to rebuild the infrastructure and create

jobs, which will reduce support for the insurgency.
"We want to show the Iraqi people that this money is being used for their benefit and do it as quickly as we can "Powell said Powell said.

Also Friday, a deadline set by militants to save the life of a captive truck driver expired. The militants, who are holding seven foreign hostages from India, Kenya and Egypt, threatened to kill one of the men Friday evening if its demands, including a pullout by their company, were not

The drivers' company, Kuwait and Gulf Link Transport Co., said Friday it was sending an official to Iraq to work with Sheik Hisham al-Duleimi, head of an organization of Iraqi tribal leaders trying to negotiate the hostages' re-

Al-Duleimi said Friday he has been negotiating with Egyptian and Indian officials regarding the captives, but had not yet spoken to the kidnappers.



Two men look over battle damage in Fallujah, Iraq, on Friday. Hospital officials said at least 13 Iraqis were killed during fierce fighting between U.S. forces and insurgents Thursday in Falluiah. U.S. Marines said they suffered no casualties.

"I appeal to the kidnappers to be patient and to refrain from beheading one of the hostages and to extend the deadline until positive results can be reached," he said

In northern India, villagers demanding the hostages' release detained 37 foreign tourists, most of them from Britain, for 18 hours. The tourists were released Friday after police persuaded the angry villagers to let them pass. In Jordan, the relatives of four Jordanian truck drivers

held by a different group joined with fellow drivers in chanting "Death to America" during a protest march they honed would help free the captives

The kidnappers called the families Thursday and told them to hold the protest as a condition for their release, said Mohammed Abu Jaafar, whose brother Ahmad is one of the hostages

Overnight in Fallujah, U.S. Marines and Iraqi troops engaged in an hourslong battle with insurgents that spilled into an industrial area of the city. Witnesses reported hearing aircraft on bombing runs and scores of mortar rounds

fired toward an American base The military said the fighting began Thursday night when insurgents with gunfire, mortars and rocket pro-

pelled grenades attacked a joint patrol of Marines and The Marines responded with tank and artillery fire at

the mortar positions, several hundred meters away, the military said. Iraqi insurgents fled into buildings, which the Marines targeted with airstrikes and artillery, the military said.
The Marines said they suffered no casualties.

Twelve auto repair shops and two houses were de-

stroved. An estimated 13 Iragis were killed and 14 others wound-

ed during the fighting, said Dr. Salim Ibrahim at Fallujah General Hospital. Ibrahim could not give an exact count of the dead, be-

cause many bodies had been torn apart in the bombings An injured man, lying in a bed at the hospital with his ants covered in blood, tiredly asked, "What was our according to Associated Press Television News foot-

age. "My mother and sister were killed."

A medical worker bandaged a crying toddler's forehead that was covered with blood. "This is just a child ... does

he look like a terrorist?" an angry man asked. The Marines said they did everything possible to avert civilian casualties.

"Our forces go to extraordinary lengths to minimize the impact of military action upon civilians," Marines spokesman Lt. Col. T.V. Johnson said.

But when insurgents occupy residential areas, "they ex-ponentially increase the risk for civilians," he said.

### U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Thursday, 909 U.S. servicemembers have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq in March 2003, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 674 died as a result of hostile action and 235 died of non-hostile causes.

The British military has reported 60 deaths; Italy, 18; Spain, eight; Poland, seven; Bulgaria, six; Ukraine, four; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia and the Netherlands have report-

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 771 U.S troops have died - 565 as a result of hostile action and 206 of non-hostile causes

The latest deaths reported by U.S. Central Command: ■ A soldier was killed Thursday when his patrol was attacked near Hawija, Iraq.

■ Two Marines assigned to the 1st Expeditionary Force were killed Wednesday in separate incidents in

The latest identifications reported by the Defense De-

■ Marine Lt. Col. David S. Greene, 39, Raleigh, N.C.: killed Wednesday in fighting in Anbar province, Iraq; assigned to the Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 775, Marine Aircraft Group 16, 3D Marine Air Wing, Marine Corps Air Station, Miramar, Calif.

Army Sgt. DeForest L. Talbert, 24, Charleston W.Va.; killed Tuesday in an explosion in Baladruc, Iraq; assigned to the Army National Guards 1st Battalion, 150th Armor Regiment, Beckley, W.Va.

# Top Pakistani official survives attack

### Blast targets prime minister designate's motorcade

BY PAUL HAVEN The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Pakistani Prime Minister designate Shaukat Aziz survived an apparent suicide bomb attack on his motorcade Friday that killed at least four people and injured two dozen, police and other officials eaid

The attack came the same day the government announced the arrest of a suspected senior al-Qaida operative on the FBI's most-wanted list.

It was not clear who was behind it, but suspicion fell immediately on Islamic militants, angry over the government's decision to back the U.S.-led war on terrorism. On Thursday, the government acknowledged that it has held talks with Saudi officials about sending troops to Iraq as part of a Muslim peacekeeping force. The bombing occurred at about 7:20 p.m. as Aziz, the finance minister who has already been tapped to take over as prime minister, was traveling through a bazaar in Fateh Jang, a town 35 miles southwest of the capital, Islamabad, said Mohammed Haid-

ar, a local police official.

An Interior Ministry spokesman said at least four people were killed and two dozen injured in the attack.

Haidar said Aziz's driver was among the dead but the senior politician escaped without serious injury. Geo Television reported six dead and 25 injured.

"I spoke with Shaukat Aziz. There was an explosion close to his car. His driver and a suicide attacker were killed," Sen Mushaid Hussain, a member of Aziz's ruling Pakistan Muslim League-Q party, told The Associated Press. "He was calm, cool and composed." Hussain said Aziz told him that an explosion went off after a man — the presumed suicide bomber — approached his car on foot on the busy street

Mohammed Hassan, a senior Aziz aide, said the 60-year-old politician was safe. Another source close to Aziz told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity that the politician had returned to his home in the capital, Islama-

Aziz, a former Citibank executive credited with turning around Pakistan's economy under President Gen. Pervez Musharraf, was in Fateh Jang to campaign for an upcoming bi-election in an effort to win a seat in the lower house.

Musharraf's ruling party has said they want him to be prime minister, but the senator must first gain a seat in the Aug. 18 vote to be eligible. A victory is all but assured.

Opposition parties have denounced the proceedings as an affront to Pakistani democracy, five years after Musharraf seized power in a bloodless coup.

After Prime Minister Zafarullah Khan Jamali stepped down last month, Chaudry Shujaat Hussain was appointed caretaker prime minister while the political machinations are completed to allow Aziz to step in.

The attack followed the announcement early Friday that Pakistan had arrested Ahmed Khalfan Ghailani, a Tanzanian on the FBI's most wanted list who is wanted in the 1998 twin embassy bombines in East Africa.

Hussain said there was no evidence that the two were linked.

The attack also follows two at-

the attack also follows two arttempts by Islamic militants in December 2003 to assassinate Musharraf, the ultimate power broker in this conservative Islamic nation of 150 million people.



Shaukat Aziz

### GI convicted of stealing sheik's SUV

BY KIMBERLY HEFLING The Associated Press

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. — A soldier was convicted of stealing an Iraqi sheik's sport utility vehicle at gunpoint, but probably won't spend any time behind bars.

Besides armed robbery, Sgt. 1st Class James Williams was also found guilty of willful dereliction of duty for allowing his soldiers to consume alcohol in Iraq.

Eight jurors, all members of the military, recommended that Williams not be sentenced to prison but instead be demoted to private and receive a bad conduct discharge. The sentence must be approved by his commanding general, Maj. Gen. Tom Turner of the 101st Airborne Division.

Williams, 37, of Westmoreland County, Virginia, faced up to 15 years in prison. He has 17 years' Army experience, including combat duty in the first Iraq war.

Throughout the three-day trial, Williams maintained that he took the SUV only because he was ordered to by his lieutenant and because he did not think it was a criminal act.

"In his mind there was nothing wrong with doing it," Williams' civilian defense attorney, Bernard Casey, said in closing arguments Thursday.

Casey said he plans to appeal. Williams declined to comment.

Capt. Howard Hoege, an Army prosecutor, said Thursday in closing arguments that Williams helped take the SUV at gumpoint from the sheik's son, who was driving the vehicle. He then participated in orchestrating a coverup story that the vehicle was found abandoned, Hoege said.

"The accused had a criminal mind through every stage of the crime," Hoege said.

With tears rolling down his face when the sentence was read, Williams put his chin down. "We're lucky that he got this sentence," said Williams' wife, Kim Williams. "It could have been a lot worse."

Early in the war, soldiers were allowed to "commandeer" a civilian vehicle for military purposes under the rules of engagement. They were instruct-



Sgt. 1st Class James Williams, center, with his wife, Kim, at right, leaves military court earlier this week during a break at Fort Campbell, Ky. Williams was convicted Thursday on charges of armed robbery and willful dereliction of duty stemming from a carjacking in Mosul, Iraq, in late April 2003.

ed to leave a receipt so the vehicle could be returned to the owner or money could be given to them. But Hoege said Williams and the other soldiers with him just wanted a "sweet ride" and didn't leave

a receipt with the sheik's son.

The day the SUV was taken, Williams testified
that Lt. Bradley Pavlik threw a tantrum because two
of the platoon's four vehicles — including Pavlik's—
were broken down, and he told squad leaders to find
him another one.

The opportunity arose later that day during a trip to the market when the SUV cut off another Humvee in a two-vehicle convoy Williams was in, he said. After about a five-minute chase, the SUV stopped, and the SUV was taken without force Williams said

and the SUV was taken without force, Williams said.

Casey said the men did not leave a receipt because they felt the area was hostile, and they needed to leave in a hurry.

The Army later paid Sheik Ahmed W. Al-Faisal \$32,000.

Another soldier, Alberto Lozano, was convicted earlier in the case and sentenced to 30 months in prison, but the sentence was reduced to one year because he testified against Williams. He was released recently after serving about nine months at Fort Knox, with time off for good conduct. Pavlik, the lieutenant, faces a court-martial starting Aug. 9.

### Commanders say Iraqi didn't drown in bridge incident

BY ROBERT WELLER The Associated Press

FORT CARSON, Colo. — Testiying under immunity, three U.S. Army commanders admitted Friday that soldiers were told to cover up an incident in which two Iraqi civilians were forced off a bridge into the Tigris River, where family members say one of them drowned. The commanders, however, said they don't believe anyone died, despite what the family and prosecutors say.

Capt. Matthew Cunningham said soldiers under his command admitted they forced the Iraqis to jump into the river last Jan. 3.

He said the soldiers told him they had the Iraqis "get wet" and that "they wanted to make them miserable a little bit and walk home."

He said it was a bad decision, but that soldiers had to have nonbethal ways to make their presence felt in the area. He called the suggestion that anyone drowned a "smear campaign" and said soldiers saw the civilians getting out of the river safely.

Cunningham also testified that he and other commanders told the soldiers to clam up because they feared higher-ups in the chain of command would use the incident against them.

"We were not covering up anything that injured anybody," he said

The testimony came on the third and final day of a hearing to determine whether three soldiers will be court-martialed in the incident. Family members in Iraq say Zaidoun Hassoun, 19, drowned and they will exhume his body to prove it: a cousin survived.

Sgt. 1st Class Tracy E. Perkins, 33, and Sgt. Reggie Martinez, 24, are charged with involuntary manslaughter, as is 1st Lt. Jack M. Saville, 24, whose hearing will be held later. The third defendant at this week's hearing, Spc. Terry Bowman, 21, is charged with assault for allegedly pushing the cousin into the river.

The hearing officer, Capt. Robert Ayers, will make a recommendation later on whether the men should face a court-martial. The four soldiers face 5½ years to 26½ years in prison if they are convicted.

Cunningham, a company commander in the brigade, testified along with deputy battalion commander Maj. Robert Gwinner, and battalion commander Lt. Col. Nathan Sassaman. All three were granted immunity in return for their testimony.

Gwinner said the incident was the result of clash between Sassaman and the brigade's then-commander, Col. Frederick Rude-

Gwinner said Sassaman instructed soldiers not to tell investigators they had forced the Iraqis to jump in the river because to be was concerned the investigation was "a personal vendetta between he and Col. Rudesheim." Gwinner said the brigade commander was jealous of Sassaman, a former star quarterback at West Point, because he was very aggressive and etiting lots of television coverage.

# 'A friend of al-Qaida'

# Informant says captured suspect was key member of cell assigned to bomb U.S. Embassy in Tanzania

BY CHRIS TOMLINSON
The Associated Press

NAIROBI, Kenya
Baby-faced and slightly built,
Ahmed Khalfan Ghailani didn't
present a physical threat, but his
knowledge of explosives and commitment to radical Islam made
the Tanzanian one of the most
sought-after accused terrorists in
the world with a \$25 million price

on his head.

Arrested in Pakistan after a fierce gunfight, Ghailani had spent six years underground, evading an FBI-led manhunt and avoiding capture despite the bounty and a prominent listing among America's 22 most wanted terror-

Ghailani is believed to have been born in early 1974 on Zanzibar, a semiautonomous archipelago off the coast of Tanzania.

Despite being located only 25 miles off the African coast, the islands were once the seat of the Sultanate of Oman and remain 95 percent Muslim and the people and cities look more Arab in appearance than African.

But during his childhood, Tanzania — and by extension Zanzibar — was ruled by a secular, socialist government made up mostly of mainland Christians, and devout Muslims were treated with suspicion.

While in his late twenties, Ghailani dedicated himself to Islam and became a tabligh, or mission-

While most tabligh practice moderate Islam, a growing minority travel the world, visiting mosques and preaching the hatted of Western culture that is the hallmark of radical Islam.

Little is known about Ghailani during this period in his life, but most tabligh at some point visit Pakistan for theological training.

Once there, some of the more extreme Muslims — like American John Walker Lindh, who fought with the Taliban — were recruited to attend al-Qaida training camps in Afehanistan.

By the time he joined the al-Qaida cell in East Africa, the 5-foot-3 inch, 150-pound young man already had acquired the skills and philosophy to carry out a terrorist attack. Known among his al-Qaida peers as Ahmed the Tanzanian, he was introduced to new recruits as "a friend of al-Qaida," convicted bomber Mohammed Sadiq Odeh told the FBI, according to an official transcript.

He was a key member of the cell assigned to attack the U.S. Embassy in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, a bombing that killed 12 people, all Africans, and injured 85 others

Ghailani was responsible for obtaining the parts needed to construct the bomb, including the steel cylinders, TNT and detonators, another convicted bomber, Khalfan Khamis Mohamed, reportedly told the FBI.

Mohamed said that Ghailani didn't know how to drive a car, so he would ride his bicycle around Dar es Salaam and then get another al-Qaida member, who could drive, to bring a sports utility vehicle to pick up purchases too large for him to carry.

Ghailani joined the rest of the East Africa al-Qaida cell ringleaders in Nairobi on Aug. 6, 1998 and



Ahmed Khalfan Ghailani

flew to Karachi on a Kenyan Airways flight before the bombs even exploded, Odeh said, according to the FBI transcript.

Until his arrest, that was the last known sighting of Ghailani. By the time Ghailani was arrest-

ed Sunday in the eastern city of Gujrat along with at least 15 other people, he seemed to have sunk family roots inside Pakistan.

Ghailani's wife, an Uzbek woman, also was arrested, along with several of his children, according to Brig, Javed Iqbal Cheema, who is in charge of coordinating Pakistan's counterterrorism effort

Like Ghailani, many Uzbek opposition figures fled to Afghanistan and then to Pakistan, where they get training and mingle with like-minded al-Qaida and other militants

#### 1st ID GI killed

A 1st Infantry Division soldier was killed by insurgents Thursday afternoon when his multinational patrol came under small-arms fire near Hawija in northern Iraq.

The soldier, whose name wasn't released pending notification of his family, was evacuated to a military medical facility where he was pronounced dead, according to a Multinational Force Iraq news release.

Also on Thursday, 1st ID and Iraqi National Guard soldiers detained 39 people during an early morning raid against an insurgent cell.

Two of the 39, Iman Aziz Ahmen Thahe and Nsaif Lateef Hadi, were wanted by officials. The cell was suspected of seven roadside bomb attacks against multinational forces since March.

#### Explosives seized

ISTANBUL, Turkey — Turkish authorities found about 220 pounds of plastic explosives Friday hidden in a truck that was crossing into Turkey from neighboring Iraq, an official said.

Authorities believe autonomy-seeking Kurdish rebels, who recently ended a five-year unilateral cease-fire, intended to use the explosives for attacks in Turkey, the official added.

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# **Shared sacrifices**

#### Schweinfurt troops remember soldiers killed in combat

BY STEVE LIEWER

Stars and Stripes

SCHWEINFURT, Germany -Pfc. Nicholas Zangara and Pfc. Nicholas Blodgett probably never met, and they didn't have much in common. One came from the city, the other from the suburbs; one brash, the other reserved; one married, one a bachelor.

But they shared the same first name, and a calling, and a sacrifice

On Thursday, their boots, rifles, helmets and photos stood side-by-side on the altar of the Ledward Barracks chanel in Schweinfurt as more than 200 friends and fellow soldiers gathered to remember their lives while mourning their combat deaths.

"Both of these soldiers named Nicholas have shown their love: They laid down their lives for us," said Maj. David Mikkelsen, chap-



Spc. Daniel May, of the U.S. Army Europe Band and Choir, plays taps at the service Thursday.



PHOTOS BY MICHAEL ABRAMS/Stars and Stripe

Above: Soldiers give final salutes to Spc. Nicholas Zangara and Pfc. Nicholas Blodgett, following a memorial service in Schweinfurt, Germany, on Thursday. Right: A soldier says one-last goodbye to the 1st Infantry Division soldiers who were killed in Iraq.

280th Base Support Battalion. We need great friends like Nicho-Zangara and Nicholas Blodgett.

Blodgett, 21, grew up in Wyoming, Mich., and graduated from Grand Rapids Central Catholic High School in 2002. He played trumpet in the school band and practiced tae kwon do.

After joining the Army in May 2003, he landed in Germany with the 1st Infantry Division's 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment. He trained first as a driver, then as a dismounted scout, in the unit's Troop A before the unit deployed to Iraq in February. Blodgett had joined more than

100 patrols when he and his squad left Forward Operating Base McKenzie, 60 miles north of Baghdad, late on the night of July 20 for a patrol in nearby Abdal luyah. He was driving - filling in for another soldier on R&R leave when his Bradley fighting vehicle hit a roadside bomb. He died. and six of his buddies were in-

His troop commander, Capt. Mack. remembered

lain for the Schweinfurt-based Blodgett as a "highly motivated and disciplined soldier, answering every question with "Yes, sir" or "Roger, sergeant."

Friends recalled a quiet, gangly trooper who stood 6-foot-5, had a quirky sense of humor, and who was a third-level master in the role-playing game "Dungeons and Dragons

"He didn't about politics, didn't care what the American people of thought what

were doing," said his "hat buddy, Pfc. Adrian "He Stone cared that we all got home alive."

Blodgett is survived by his parents, Robert and Rita, and his 20-year-old brother, Matthew. Zangara, 21, was born in Phila-

delphia, 25 days after Blodgett. He joined the Army straight out of high school and landed with the Schweinfurt-based 1st

Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment after training as a 13D fire-direction specialist. He deployed to the Middle East with his unit in February.

Zangara

was in his Humvee, the trail vehicle of a patrol escorting a fuel convoy Tikrit along Iraq's Highway 1 on the scorching afternoon July 24 when

an impro-vised bomb exploded beside the road and lacerated him with

on leave next week. His buddies remembered "Spe-

cialist Z" as a fun-loving motor mouth who loved Philadelphia sports teams and always had a wisecrack on the tip of his tongue. But he was serious about the Army, and he knew his weapons systems cold.

"He came to the unit a little energy bug. He could always be heard in the hallways involved in something, so I rode him probably harder than any other sol-dier," said his platoon sergeant, Sgt. 1st Class "Smoke" Bell, in comments read at his memorial. "His favorite saying was, 'I'm not complaining. I'm just telling the truth.' I respected that courage.

Besides his wife, of Jackson Township, Pa., Zangara is sur-



### Marine's 'Fahrenheit 9/11' comments investigated

By SANDRA JONTZ Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. - Comments made by Marine Cpl. Abdul Henderson in Michael Moore's controversial film "Fahrenheit 9/11" prompted the Marine's commanders to look into the appropriateness of his film debut.

Henderson, a reservist with the 3rd Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company out of Long Beach, Calif., was featured, wearing his service dress Alpha uniform, alongside Moore outside the U.S. Capitol as the pair unsuccessfully solicited legislators to enlist their children into the U.S. military and to fight in the war in Iraq.

one point, Moore asked the 29-year-old Marine, who served in Iraq last year, whether he'd return to the Middle East to fight again.

Moore: "If you get called up, will you go back to Iraq?'

Henderson: "No." Moore: "Why not?"

Moore: "What repercussions do you face if you don't .... Henderson: "It's possible jail time.

That's one possible thing." Moore: "Are you willing to risk that?

Henderson: "Yes. Yes. I will not let my person ... I will, I will not let anyone send me back over there to kill other poor people. Especially when they pose no threat to me and my country. I won't do it.

Henderson's comments and big-screen appearance - in a scene in which Moore is okes fun at lawmakers by saying that of 535 Congress members, only one has a child serving in the Middle East — prompted commanders to investigate his association with the film, said Capt. Peter Kerr, a spokesman for Marine Forces Reserves in New Orleans

Army and Marine Corps officials interviewed by Stars and Stripes knew of no other servicemembers in the film who were being investigated. Marine Corps recruiters who appear, for example, were

filmed under misleading pretenses, a Marine Corps official said. But no one is labeling Henderson a de-

serter, Kerr said. In fact, his California-based unit hasn't heen called

There is just no indication that his unit is going to be activated again," Kerr said. "It's the fact that he

was wearing the uniform [in the movie], and they are just deter-mining if there were improprieties related to his role in the movie," Kerr said.

Of course, the Corps will be watching to see, if his unit is reactivated, whether Henderson will follow through on his pledge to not go. But at this point, it's all speculative, Kerr said. Desertion is punishable from an administrative discharge to a court-martial and possible jail time.

Henderson could not be reached by Stripes for comment, but in an interview featured in Wednesday's edition of USA Today, the paper quoted Henderson as saying: "The question kind of surprised me, because I wasn't expecting it. But my answer came from the heart."

Kerr doesn't know what spurred the probe by Henderson's commanders. "This definitely is not anything routine,

where a Marine appears in a movie, espe-cially in a movie of this nature," Kerr said. Henderson is a fire supportman with the 3rd ANGLICO, which helps coordinate ar-tillery fire and naval gunfire for U.S. Army and coalition ground forces

According to the USA Today article, he describes himself as a spiritual Christian, and prefers to remain out of the limelight Henderson, a business major at California State University-Los Angeles is spending the summer in Washington, D.C., with his wife, a student at Howard University, and

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their newborn son.



# **Older reservists set off military age debate**

BY MICHAEL VIRTANEN The Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. - The National Guard and Reserves will soon account for nearly half of the 140,000 U.S. soldiers in Iraq, kindling debate about whether older part-timers are best suited to the war zone

Some veterans argue that the younger, active duty soldier is in better physical condition, more able to withstand the pace of an extended combat tour. These 18-

distracted by such things as wives, children, mortgages and careers

But others maintain that with age comes maturity and greater calm. And almost half the Guard members and Reservists have plenty of experience under fire, themselves active duty veterans.

In New York, which already sent 2.500 Guard and Reserve soldiers to Iraq and Afghanistan and has hundreds more mobilized. Assemblyman Ivan Lafayette has

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at home where they can protect land and sea borders from terror-

"Don't put people there who can't roll, can't lie, can't jump as well as people 18, 20, 19 years old," said Lafayette, who served in the Army and National Guard. "That's the perfect soldier: well-trained. that age, without something at the back of your mind - what's happening to your job, what's happening to your wife, what's happening to your kids."

The 73-year-old Queens Democrat suggests using active infan-tries from Korea, Germany and elsewhere to fill combat assignments, with Guard members and Reserves filling the gaps. Sending soldiers in their 50s to Iraq is un acceptable, he said.

National Guard and Reserve troops will comprise 42 percent or 43 percent of the force in Iraq later this year, defense officials have told Congress. That compares with a 39 percent share currently and 25 percent last year.

With the shifting deployments comes a change in who are among the some 900 American troops dead and the 5,000 wounded in action since last year's inva-

In June, half the U.S. military deaths — 21 of 42 — were mem-bers of the National Guard or Reserve. In May, the breakdown was 22 out of 80 deaths, and in April it was 17 of 136.

At 59, Staff Sgt. William D. Chaney of the Illinois Army National Guard became the oldest Iraq ca-sualty. The Pentagon said he died

New York State Army National Guard Sgt. Andrew Ciepiela, 31, of Buffalo, N.Y., finishes a salute as he drives a truck from New York's 42nd Infantry guard unit in Troy, N.Y., as his unit heads for Fort Drum for training in May of this year. Ciepiela served in the first Gulf War when he was 18. The average age in the Army National Guard is 32.

in May from surgical complications from a non-combat condition he developed in the war zone.

The average age in the Army National Guard is 32, and 46 percent have active duty experience, according to the National Guard Bu-

Command Sgt. Maj. Dick Fearnside said the age dropped from 41 over the past seven years as Guard units got busier and older soldiers finished their commitments.

"I think in some areas, maturity and experience can make up for youth and energy," said the 49-year-old Fearnside, top enlist-ed man for the National Guard's 42nd Infantry Division that will send 4,300 troops to Iraq later this year. He recently returned from an advance visit

Fearnside, however, said age is an issue with stamina, especially in nonstop operations during a year's assignment to Iraq. "The longer [it] goes, I think it gets harder and harder for the older soldiers." he said. Soldiers can overcome some of the challenges by taking care of themselves and staying fit, he added.

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### Myers discusses bases in Bulgaria

long way off. 77

Gen. Richard Myers

The Associated Press

SOFIA, Bulgaria — Talks are continuing on the possible creation of U.S. military bases in Bulgaria, but a final decision remains a long way off, a top U.S. military commander said

Friday. Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, said he had "extensive dissuit he will be such bases is a cussions" with Bulgarian officials on the possibility of setting up U.S. military bases in the Bal kan country, a strong American ally in Iraq and Afghanistan.

These consultations are ongo

but the decision for such bases is a long way off," Myers told reporters at the end of his two-day visit in Sofia. Bulgaria, which joined NATO last April along

with six other ex-communist nations, repeatedly has declared its readiness to host permanent U.S. military bases, and U.S. officials have suggested they may move troops from bases in Germany to new locations in Eastern Europe. U.S. military officials have also toured Bulgarian bases.

Washington is interested in small, flexible bases. as opposed to the larger ones set up in Western Europe during the Cold War.

Myers praised "the courage and determination Bulgaria demonstrated by taking the side of the United States and the international

anti-terror coalition."
He praised Bulgaria's "stead-

fast contribution" to the military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, saying that "as a new mem-ber of the NATO alliance, Bulgaria is staying as a model of stability

chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff "We deeply appreciate the courage and determination that Bulgaria has shown ... to confront the threat of ter-rorism," Myers said, apparently referring to the Bulgarian government's refusal to waver in its military

commitment in Iraq despite the recent beheading of a Bulgarian truck driver and militants' threats against the country Bulgaria has a 480-strong infantry battalion sta-

tioned in the Iraqi city of Karbala under Polish com-

#### Chaplain corps gets \$25K donation

LANDSTUHL, Germany - The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States made a \$25,000 donation Thursday to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center's chaplain corps.

The money will go toward the "unmet needs" of injured and ill troops recovering at the hospital, Edward Banas Sr., commander in chief of the VFW, said Thursday. "Some may have left the war zone without their wallets or with only the clothes on their backs," he said.

Banas and several other VFW members visited

troops at the hospital, where they passed out phone cards for international use.

The VFW members were on a tour of several military installations and other military sites, includ-ing those in South Korea; Taiwan; Bangkok, Thai-

land; France and Italy, Banas said.
"Every VFW member was once like these young troops," said Banas, a Vietnam War veteran.

en though our service was decades ago, it's still hard to forget. It has a tender significance in our

The VFW, based in Kansas City, Mo., has 2.7 million members, he said.

From staff reports

### **MILITARY UPDATE**

# **USFSPA** challenged by servicemembers

awvers for divorced servicemembers and retirees have filed a constitutional challenge to the Uniformed Services Former Spouses Protection Act, charging widespread violations of due pro cess and equal protection rights in the way the law is written and

What might be described as the legal muscle behind the lawsuit became apparent Tuesday with the filing of a 50-page brief opposing the government's own lengthy motion to dismiss the case

The plaintiffs in Adkins et al. v. Rumsfeld are 58 divorced servicemembers and retirees, and a limited-liability corporation, ULSG which is raising money for legal fees

Their target is the USFSPA, a 1982 law that allows state courts to divide military retirement in divorce settlements

The lawsuit is before the U.S. District Court for Eastern District of Virginia, which has scheduled a Sept. 13 hearing.

The lawsuit does not seek monetary damages nor ask the court to "retrospectively affect or undo" divorce agreements or property settlements entered into by plaintiffs or other veterans

But it asks the court to declare various provisions of USFSPA unconstitutional and to order changes that would eliminate errors and ambiguities, improve procedural safeguards and put an end "widely divergent interpretations" of the law by state courts.

The government's motion to dismiss, filed by U.S. Attorney Paul J. McNulty on July 9, claims that no argument on behalf of plaintiffs regarding violation of constitutional guarantees has merit.

But, it adds, the court need not consider constitutional challenges. It simply should dismiss the case for lack of subject-matter jurisdiction, given Supreme Court rulings in 1923 and 1983 that bar federal courts from nullifying state judgments on issues that could have been raised at state court level

This so-called Rooker-Feldman doctrine, the government says, has been used by other federal courts to dismiss other constitutional challenges to the USF-

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### Airmen honored for attempt to save mom, 3 children

RAF MILDENHALL En-· Two airmen at RAF gland -Mildenhall have been honored by the chief police constable of Suffolk County for their attempt to rescue four people involved in a car crash last Sentember, according to a story in the Bury Free Press on Friday.

Senor Airman Ivan Ruiz and Senior Airman Jared Pietras. members of the 321st Special Tactics Squadron of the 352nd Special Operations Group, were awarded community service certificates by Alastair McWhirter

Ruiz and Pietras tried to save an Air Force wife, Cortina Hamilton, and her three young children after a crash on the A1101 a few miles from the base on Sept. 26, 2003.

Ruiz was driving a car that struck Hamilton's, sending it into a water-filled ditch. Ruiz's car struck an electricity pylon

and burst into flames. After helping his girlfriend escape the burning car, he waded into deep water to try to help the

Pietras, alerted to the crash by a cell phone call from Ruiz's girlfriend, drove to the scene to help. He joined Ruiz in the water to help with resuscitation attempts on the Hamilton family members

Their efforts were unsuccess ful. Hamilton and her three children died

Col. John Poucher, deputy commander of the 352nd SOG. told the weekly newspaper, "With complete disregard to themselves, these young air-men sought to help out where they could. I am proud to have such fine and courageous individuals in our Air Force.'

Ruiz, who has left the squad ron, was quoted as saying, "I ap-preciate the award, but I was just doing what I could to help.'

Pietras is currently deployed to an undisclosed location

#### U.S. sailors visit Vietnam



U.S. sailors take a tour in cyclos (three-wheeled taxis) in Danang, Vietnam, on Wednesday. The USS Curtis Wilbur, a guided missile destroyer from the Seventh Fleet, based at Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan, is only the second American vessel to make a port call in Vietnam since the end of the war.

### AAFES adjusting gas prices

#### Costs to drop in Germany, but rise in other Europe locations exchange said in a news release.

MAINZ-KASTEL, Germany -The monthly price for unleaded gas in Germany for U.S. troops and Defense Department civilians will drop next month by about 6 cents a gallon, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service announced Friday.

The August price schedule, however, is a mixed bag for motorists, contingent on location and the type of fuel purchased.

Motorists who grab for the diesel numn whether in the United Kingdom or Germany, can expect to pay a few more cents a gallon The same applies to personnel buying diesel or premium unleadfuel in the Netherlands, though their increase is steeper: about 10 cents per gallon.

The latest price adjustment takes effect Sunday, the first day of August. Prices are for AAFES customers assigned to Germany the Netherlands and the United

AAFES' European fuel prices are based on the Department of Energy's averages from the previ ous four- or five-week period, the The price adjustments are in accordance with AAFES pricing policies, the release added In June, the stateside average

price for a gallon of gas, regardless of grade, was \$192.6. That price fell to \$185.9 by the middle of July, according the Energy Department's Web site.

In Germany, the gallon price for normal unleaded fuel will decrease from \$2.136 to \$2.078, AAFES announced. The price for somer unleaded fuel will drop as well, from \$2,235 to \$2,176. The highest grade of unleaded is due to slip, too, from \$2.329 to \$2.271.

Meanwhile, the price for diesel fuel is headed in the opposite direction, rising from \$1.878 per gallon to \$1.905, the release said.

For customers in the Netherlands, the price for super unlead-ed fuel will decrease from \$2.235 to \$2.187 per gallon.

However, the price for super-plus unleaded will rise from \$2,329 to \$2,431 per gallon an increase of more than 10 cents

Like their compatriots in Germany, AAFES customers in the Netherlands will pay more for diesel, with the gallon rate rising from \$1.929 to \$2.038.

AAFES noted in its new release that the bulk and coupon prices in the Netherlands are different from those in Germany. This is due to a higher cost price in the Netherlands, the release ex-plained, and to the AAFES policy that it will not sell below dispensed cost. The price on the pump and the price for coupon books sold in the Netherlands will

reflect this policy.
In the United Kingdom, the price for super-unleaded fuel will decrease from \$2.169 per gallon to \$2.110. Diesel, on the other is scheduled to rise from \$1.812 to \$1.839

Prices in Turkey and the Azores change only annually. Navy bases such as those in Spain and Italy adjust prices independently of the AAFES system.

The price of gas on base is still considerably cheaper than at stations outside the gates. The price for normal unleaded fuel at stations outside U.S. bases in Germa-ny is about 1.15 euro (\$1.38) per liter, or about \$6.20 a gallon.

#### Nations to sign Greenland radar accord the United States and Greenland

WASHINGTON - The United States and Denmark will sign an accord that will pave the way to upgrade radar in northern Greenland that supports the U.S. missile defense program, the State Department said Thursday

The signing will take place Aug. 6 in Greenland, the world's largest island, five hours from Denmark by plane. It is a semiautonomous Danish territory with no say in defense and foreign policy issues. Secretary of State Colin Powell will join Danish Foreign Minister Per Stig Moeller and Josef Motzfeldt, depu-ty premier of Greenland, at the ceremony.

They will also sign declarations that establish a new framework for fostering broader economic and technical and environmental cooperation between ment deputy spokesman Adam Ereli said

He declined to answer when asked if the Danes had extracted concessions from the United States on revision of the 1951 Defense of Greenland Agree ment in order to overcome their concerns about mis-sile defense and use of the base.

In May the Danish parliament approved allowing the United States to upgrade the early warning radar facility at Thule Air Base, 745 miles south of the North Pole.

The U.S. missile defense plan calls for 10 ground-based interceptor missiles in Alaska and California. The U.S. defense capability would also include 20 interceptor missiles on three Aegis cruisers with additional Patriot missiles and a series of upgraded sensors and radars.

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### IN THE WORLD

# Parliament fights passenger data treaty

The Associated Press

BRUSSELS, Belgium - The European Parliament has asked the European Union's highest court to annul a treaty between the EU and the United States for information about trans-Atlantic airline passengers, the court said Friday

The European Commission, the EU's executive body, and EU governments signed an agreement with the United States in May on sharing such information despite strenuous privacy objections

### EU's court asked to annul agreement made with U.S.

from parliament.

Since March 2003, the EU and the United States have been exchanging data under an informal arrangement. But airlines said they needed a legal foundation.

The agreement compels European airlines to turn over 34 pieces of information about each passenger, including name, address and credit card details, within 15 minutes of departure for the Unit-

Washington argued that the information was vital to combat terrorism and warned that airlines would face fines and a loss of landing rights in they did not comply.

The parliament decided to refer the issue to the European Court of Justice because the assembly lacks the power to block the agreement. In papers filed Tuesday, the European Parlia-ment asked the court to use a fast-track procedure,

means a verdict is likely within six months Normally, it takes the court be-

tween eighteen months and two years During the negotiations, the EII won some concessions from

the Americans. These included shortening the time the data is stored, deleting sensitive information such as meal preference and U.S. assurances that the information would be shared with other

countries on a restricted basis only.

Pat Cox, the parliament's outgoing president, said the decision to launch legal action was based on concern over the infringement of fundamental civil liberties

"While naturally accepting that the U.S. administration is perfectly free to exercise its sovereign right to protect its own homeland. both the EU and the U.S. must guard against a new form of creeping extra-territoriality," he



Residents try to fight a forest fire in Zambujal, Loule, southern Portugal, on Tuesday, Firefighters are battling eight large fires in 10 different parts of the country.

### Portugal fires spread; Spain blaze controlled

Last year, fires in

**Portugal** 

destroyed 1

million acres and

LISBON, Portugal - Forest

fires raged across Portugal Friday, scorching the popular tourist region in the south.

The southern Algrave region, popular with vacationers, is one of the worst

hit areas, and reports said area's woodland had hurned

Firefighters said that in one area, the blaze was

spreading toward the beach resort town of Tavira on the southern coast

Several hundred people were evacuated from the Algarve mountain village of Sao Bras de Alnortel 18 miles north of the coastal city of Faro

About 650 firefighters with helicopters and water-dumping planes battled to control the

flames Portuguese authorities have so far refused to say how much land has been burned in the latest batch of fires this week, but firefighters and news reports place the figure in the tens of

On Thursday, the Algarve fire was said to have a front stretching 50 miles and getting longer. Fifteen fires in all were reported throughout the country Fri-

fires in Portugal destroyed million acres, killing 18 people and damaging build 2 500 ings. The govern-

killed 18 people. ment said that more than 81,500 acres of forest and agricultural land were lost to fires between January and the latest round of blazes, which started

In neighboring Spain, firefighters said they had brought under control a massive blaze that burned 65,000 acres this week in the southern province of Huelva, which borders Portu-

gal's Algarye Two people died in that fire on Tuesday.

Police said they suspected the fire may have been caused intentionally and there could be ar-

### Bombers target U.S., Israel embassies

BY BURT HERMAN The Associated Press

TASHKENT. Uzbekistan Suicide bombers staged nearly simultaneous attacks outside the IIS and Israeli embassies as well as the top prosecutor's office Friday, killing at least two Uzbek guards and wounding seven others in Uzbekistan, a key U.S. ally in the war on terror.

The two local guards were killed at the Israeli Embassy, Foreign Ministry spokesman Ilkhom Zakirov said. Five others were injured in the blast at the prosecutor general's office, and two more were hurt at the U.S. Embassy, he said. No foreigners were hurt.

The attacks occurred as 15 suspects with alleged links

al-Oaida were being tried for a wave of violence earlier this year that left at least 47 people dead. Those attacks included Central Asia's first-ever suicide bomb-

Uzbekistan, a former Soviet republic bordering Afghanistan, has allowed hundreds of U.S. troops to use a southern air base that was instrumental in ousting the Taliban regime. Uzbek Presi dent Islam Karimov runs a strict regime that has sought to wipe out Islamic extremism and allows no opposition to his rule, which dates to Soviet times.

Outside the heavily fortified American compound, a body believed to be that of a suicide bomber lav across the street from the entrance. The tall security wall surrounding the compound ap-peared to be scarred with black burn marks, and the area was blocked off by heavily armed po-

Nargiza Usmanova, who oper-ates a flower kiosk down the jumped" said jumped" wert said the "building when the explosion went off. She said she had seen several people lying in the street after the blast, and they appeared to have survived the blast because they were still moving.

Debris littered the street outside the Israeli Embassy, also under heavy guard. A window appeared to have been broken, but the tall wall protecting the building didn't appear to suffer any serious damage. Israeli Ambassa dor Tzvi Cohen told Israel Radio that all Israeli personnel were



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# Souda Bay base joins Olympic intelligence net

BY MIRON VAROUHAKIS

The Associated Press

SOUDA BAY, Greece - Spy planes from a small U.S. Navy base have joined a vast intelli-gence network feeding Greek and NATO authorities information about any potential threats to next month's Olympics, base officials told The As-

According to base officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, an increased number of U.S. Air Force RC-135 and U.S. Navy EP-3 reconnaissance planes have been using the Souda Bay base on the island of Crete for missions over North Africa and the Middle East

The officials would not give additional details on the flights or intelligence gathered.

Greek and overseas security officials have indicated there is no specific threat against the Aug. 13-29 Games. But preparations to protect the games are in full swing.

In Athens on Thursday, police and soldiers with sniffer dogs and hand-held scanners fanned out across the seaside Helliniko Sports Complex

to seal off the Olympic venue for security The reconnaissance planes taking off from Souda Bay are expected to work alongside the AWACS aircraft from NATO and other land and air patrol forces for the games. The Souda Bay base on the southern island of Crete serves as an intelligence hub for operations in the Middle East, Balkans and the Mediterranean Sea.

The Souda Bay base - a harbor and airfield has already beefed-up its security ahead of the Olympics. It is one of four U.S. naval bases in Europe and 10 worldwide that have received training and equipment for emergency response teams to deal with biochemical or nuclear-relat-

"The base is on Threat Condition Bravo," said Paul Farley, a base spokesman.

Crete is also the location of a major pre-Olympic training camp where the entire U.S. athletics team expects to arrive next week.

The U.S. athletics team has about 200 memhers in addition to trainers and others

Greek police sources told the AP earlier this month that the athletes will be escorted on Crete by armed U.S. agents.

The United States has provided radiation and bomb scanning equipment to Olympic security

#### Greek premier will direct defense during Olympics

THENS, Greece - Any decision to use Patriot missiles to shoot down lanes or other possible airborne threats during the Olympics rests with Greece's premier and will be made within two minutes of detecting a prob-lem, a commander of one of the air defense batteries said Friday.

The U.S.-made Patriot missiles, designed to intercept incoming rockets and aircraft, are part of a record \$1.5 billion security network for the Aug. 13-29 Games

During a review of the Tatoi Air Base, 16 miles north of Athens and ear the Olympic Village, Air Force Maj. Dimitris Mandilis said up to 120 Patriots are deployed at five sites around Greece: three in the Athens area, one near the northern city of Thessaloniki and another on the Aegean Sea island of Sykros.

If Prime Minister Costas Carmanlis "gives the order, then within 15 sec-

onds the missiles will be in the air," Mandilis said.

Greek officials have refused to discuss specific aspects of the air defense strategy, but pre-Olympic drills have included preparations for Sept. 11-style attacks.

Beginning next week, only authorized aircraft will be allowed within 27 miles of Athens, Mandilis said. A complete no-fly order will cover Olympic venues and other sites linked to the games, he said.

The orders will remain in effect until Oct. 5 following the end of the Paralympics. Other air defense systems being used for Olympic security include the French Crotale and Russian Tor systems, but the Patriots are considered the first option against any possible threat.

### Belgium: At least 15 dead, 100 hurt in gas explosion

BY LAURENCE FROST The Associated Press

ATH. Belgium - A spectacular explosion of a gas line pierced by construction workers killed up to 15 people and injured more than 100 Friday in an earth-shattering blast that crushed buildings. scorched cars and sent giant

flames soaring into the sky The explosion occurred about 8:30 a.m. in an industrial area of the nearby village of Ghislenghien about 20 miles southeast of Brussels

Construction workers alerted firefighters that they had damaged the underground gas line, acting provincial Gov. Guy Petit said. At least five of the dead and many of the injured were believed to have been police and firefight-

The thunderous blast sent a towering wall of orange flame soaring into the sky in a series of mushrooming halls of fire The blast crushed a swath of large buildings in the industrial park and hurled

bodies more than 100 yards. The devastation resembled a war zone, with everything within a 400-yard radius of the bl either melted or incinerated.

"There were bodies in parking

lots, in fields, there were burned-out cars," Brussels fire department spokesman Francis Boi-leau said. "We have not seen devastation on such a scale for 40 vears'

Fire and heat scorched cars in a nearby parking lot and blackened the surrounding agricultural fields. Helmeted firefighters directed water hoses from cranes above the flames

A gray haze hung over a wide portion of the rural area. About 50 ambulances shuttled the injured to hospitals. Emergency crews were rushed to the area from throughout Belgium and nearby countries local

fire Jean-Claude Mondo, said cars were incinerated more than 100 yards away. The head of the local volunteer fire department, Eddy Pettiaux, was among the dead, he

Prime Minister Guy Verhofstadt, who rushed back from a holiday in Italy, said it was the worst such accident in Belgium since 1967, when a tanker truck carrying liquid gas exploded, killing 22

people.
"The accident constitutes for our country a national catastro-phe, and the toll is a heavy one," Verhofstadt told reporters in Ath, 6 miles from the blast site. He ordered flags to be flown at half-staff and declared a national day of mourning when the victims are buried.

King Albert II was due to return from holiday in Spain and would meet with families of the victims on Saturday.

Verhofstadt said 15 people were confirmed dead, but three were unaccounted for. He said 120 people were hospitalized, in-cluding 12 sent to burn centers in

Officials said the death toll could rise because some of the in jured were in very critical condition.



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### IN THE STATES

# Senators start 9/11 report hearings

BY KATHERINE PFLEGER SHRADER The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Leaders of the Sept. 11 commission urged senators Friday to embrace their politically sensitive proposals for massive changes to the nation's intelligence structure, warning that bureaucratic wrangling leaves America dangerously vulnerable to another terrorist attack.

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The unusual hearing — coming during summer recess on Capito Hill — focused on two of the commission's most complex proposals: the creation of a new national counterterrorism center and a new national intelligence director to oversee the 15-agency intelligence community.

"We have concluded the intelligence community is not going to get its job done unless somebody really is in charge," said Lee Hamilton, the Democratic vice chairman on the commission. "That is just not the case now, and we have paid the price."

Thomas Kean, the commission's Republican chairman, described a litany of failures by the intelligence community in the months preceding the 2001 terror attacks against New York and Washington.

He attributed failures to a pro-



Thomas Kean, left, chairman of the Sept. 11 commission, appears before the Senate Government Affairs Committee on Capitol Hill on Friday with vice chairman Lee Hamilton as the committee opened hearings on the commission's final report.

found lack of coordination across intelligence agencies.

"No one was the quarterback, no one was calling the plays," Kean said. He said that in the proposed reorganization, "each agency needs to give up some of their existing turf and some of their authority." Kean said an assertion by recently departed CIA Director George Tenet that it will take five

years to reform intelligence was "unacceptable." However, Kean and Hamilton praised reforms already undertaken by FBI Director Robert Mueller, who has sought to transform the bureau's priority from criminal investigations to counterterrorism.

But Kean worried what might happen if Mueller and his top deputies leave, saying he was fearful the bureau would revert to its historical emphasis on chasing white-collar criminals, mobsters and bank robbers.

"A lot of the FBI would like to go back, if you would, to breaking down doors again," Kean said.

Senators pledged to quickly but thoughtfully consider the commission's proposals.

"We must react with speed but not in haste," said Sen Susan Collins, R-Maine, the chairwoman of the Governmental Affairs Committee. She also urged lawmakers to "be bold but not reckless" in considering changes that will lead to what she described as a "fundamental overhaul of our intelligence structure and a sea change in our thinking."

The committee's ranking Democrat, Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut, promised that, "We're going to get this job done and get it done with unprecedented thoughtfulness and speed."

Collins said she supports the idea of an intelligence director, though has questions about how the office would be set up.

#### States warned of threats

WASHINGTON — The FBI warmed police in New Mexico and California that it received information about possible terrorist activity in their states. However, the warning wasn't specific about particular targets or a method of attack, a federal law enforcement official said Thursday.

The FBI decided to pass along the threat information but warned that it was considered unsubstantiated and uncorroborated, said the official, who spoke only on condition of anonymity.

Peter Olson, a spokesman for the New Mexico Department of Public Safety, said state officials have been told only that there were reports of possible al-Qaida elements in New Mexico.

"There are no specific dates, times, locations or any other specific information that we have at this time," he said.

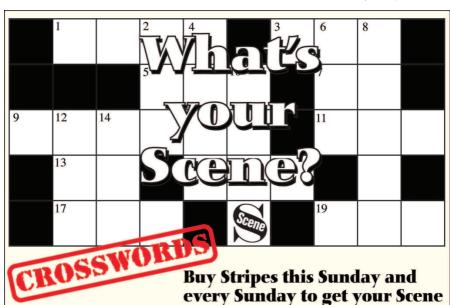
He also said the state has no information on why the warning is being issued now.

Law enforcement agencies were being asked "to be extremely vigilant ... report anything that seems to be peculiar," Olson said.

However, no one was put on heightened alert and the state did not activate its Emergency Operations Center, he said.

"This is our normal procedure. If we receive specific information, then we act on that," Olson said. "But we have nothing at this

From wire reports



# **Sources: Ridge may** resign cabinet post

BY TED BRIDIS The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge is considering step-ping down after the November election, telling colleagues he is worn out from the massive reorganization of government and needs to earn money in the private sector to put his teenage children through college, officials said

Ridge will not make a final decision until he talks to President George W. Bush later this year and is focused on thwarting the terror attacks that officials fear al-Oaida will attempt before Novem-Assistant Homeland Secretary

Susan Neely said. "Secretary Ridge is focused entirely on the job the president has asked him to

Neely said Wednesday Several senior Homeland Security offi-cials told The Associated Press that Ridge has indicated in recent weeks he probably will resign after the election, even if Bush wins. They spoke only on condition of anonymity, citing the delicate nature of describing private conversations with their

Ridge, 58, has explained to colleagues that he needs to earn money to comfortably put his two children, Tommy Jr. and Lesley, through college, officials said. Both are now teenagers. Ridge earns \$175,700 a year as a Cabinet secretary.

The former Pennsylvania governor who agreed to serve as the department's inaugural secretary, also has expressed to colleagues frustration over the continuing challenges of reorganizing the 22 dis-



said Ridge has cautioned that his plans while leaning toward resignation, could be changed by coming events, such as another terror attack or a discussion with the

president. On a plane flight from Boston this

month after viewing security prepara tions for the Democratic National Convention, Ridge addressed his future carefully. "The job is going great — personally," he said. "When the president is re-elected, he'll have conversations to determine what he wants and what his Cabinet members want."

Ridge has personally faced criticism over frequent but vague public warnings

about possible terrorist activity. Government officials at Ridge's level can easily earn millions of dollars each year in the private sector.

### 3 dead in Texas flooding

BY LISA FALKENBERG The Associated Press

DALLAS -- Authorities searched Friday for a motorist whose vehicle was found in a flooded creek downstream from a collapsed bridge after more than a foot of rain fell in the Dallas area.

The body of another motorist was found in the creek, and two others were also known dead from the severe storms that moved through late Wednesday and early Thursday

In the Dallas suburb of Lancaster, city officials were hoping for state and federal help after flooding damaged as many as 200 homes

Damage from the falling rain — such as leaking roofs — was estimated to be at least \$17 million, said Jerry Johns, president of the Southwestern Insurance Infor-

State transportation officials were inves tigating why concrete columns collapsed in the bridge in the small Ellis County town of Ovilla.

Two vehicles were found downstream from the bridge late Thursday, and the

Dallas police officer J.W. Jacobs checks cars that were abandoned during a flash flood that hit the southern part of Dallas on Thursday, An estimated foot of rain fell.

body of a 52-year-old man who had apparently been driving to work before sunrise was found under piles of debris in Red Oak Creek, county Sheriff's Chief Deputy Charles Sullins said. The search for the second motorist continued.

In Dallas, a motorist was killed Wednesday after his pickup truck knocked over a utility pole.

#### Alaska volcano stirring

Alaska Volcano Observatory

ANCHORAGE — Noting a swarm of tiny earthquakes beneath volcanic Mount Spurr, scientists have warned that the volcano 80 miles west of Anchorage could erupt in the

next few weeks Eruptions most often follow a pattern of quakes, said geophysicist John Power of the U.S. Geological Survey, one of three federal and state partners in the Anchorage-based

Power added, however, that the earthquakes will most likely end without an erup-

Mount Spurr was last significantly active in 1992. In an August explosion that year, it spread a thin layer of ash over Anchorage.

The mountain's recent activity began slowly in February and intensified July 4, the observatory said this week. An average of 20 small quakes are now occurring daily, a rate higher than at any time since 1992.

From The Associated Press



# 'Help is on the way'

### Kerry promises that 'America can do better'

BY DARLENE SUPERVILLE The Associated Press

BOSTON — Challenging President George W. Bush by declaring that "strength is more than tough words," Democratic presidential nominee Sen. John Kerry plunged into the general election campaign aimed at convinc-ing millions of undecided voters that his time in Vietnam makes him the right commander in a time of war.

Leaving the warm embrace of his most fer vent supporters — the thousands who flocked to the Democratic Party's nominating convention - Kerry is in stronger shape than any presidential challenger in a quarter-century.

After accepting his party's nomination in a boisterous Thursday night convention finale. Kerry and his running mate. North Carolina Sen. John Edwards, rolled out of Boston with actor Ben Affleck to start a two-week, 3,500-mile campaign on buses emblazoned

### **Election promises**

The Associated Press

BOSTON - A list of promises and pledge es in John Kerry's Thursday night speech: Recruit allies to help rebuild Irag.

- Add 40,000 active duty troops, including a doubling of special forces to fight ter-
- Immediately implement the recommendations of the Sept. 11 commission to
- improve America's security ■ Will not privatize Social Security or
- Create incentives to revitalize manufacturing and invest in job-creating technology and innovation.
- Eliminate tax incentives that encourage companies to ship jobs overseas and re-ward companies that keep and create jobs in the United States.
- Enforce protections for American workers in trade agreem
- Cut the deficit in half in four years Cut middle-class taxes and reduce the tay hurden on small husinesses
- Repeal Bush's tax cuts for people making more than \$200,000 a year
- Institute an education plan that sets high standards, provides for smaller class sizes and demands accountability from parents, teachers, and schools.
- Give a tax credit for college tuition ■ Save families up to \$1,000 on health care premiums by cracking down on waste and abuse in the system; ensure patients can chose their own doctors: allow Medicare to negotiate lower drug prices for seniors; and allow Americans to buy less expensive prescription drugs from other
- countries ■ Invest in vehicles that run on alternative fuels and other energy-saving technolo-

with the words, "Believe in America." First stops will be in Scranton and Harrisburg. Pennsylvania, a state Bush lost by 5 percent age points in 2000.

"Americans are playing by the rules while a whole group of people are writing the rules for themselves and leaving the rest of America out. We're going to change that around. Help is on the way for the average person in this country," Kerry said, repeating a refrain from his accentance sneech

With slightly more than three months until the election, Kerry is virtually tied with Bush and likely to enjoy a bounce in the polls from this week's convention.

Kerry hit hard at the president's handling of the Iraq war and the war on terror in his accentance speech Thursday night.

Saying there are weapons of mass destruc tion in Iraq doesn't make it so. Saying we can fight a war on the cheap doesn't make it so. Kerry told an overflowing FleetCenter crowd and a television audience of millions.

"And proclaiming mission accomplished certainly doesn't make it so," he said to roars of approval

The Democrats' convention, a four-day now of unity behind Kerry, was designed to tell millions of undecided voters in key states about his Vietnam War service and persuade them that he is prepared to lead and defend the country in an age of terrorism



Democratic presidential nominee Sen. John Kerry waves to supporters in Boston on Friday before kicking off a "Believe in America" tour.

Thirteen men who served with Kerry on swiftboats three decades ago in the Mekong Delta shared his spotlight, and a 9½-minute biographical film featured Kerry's own war

Kerry, referring to critics' claims that the president's decision to invade Iraq was based on faulty evidence, promised immediate reforms of the U.S. intelligence system so "policy is guided by facts, and facts are never distorted by politics."

And when he cited U.S. job losses, rising health care costs, pollution and homelessness under Bush, Kerry repeated the phrase: "America can do better. And help is on the

### Acceptance speech skips Vietnam protester days

BY CALVIN WOODWARD The Associated Press

BOSTON - Anyone tuning in to John F Kerry for the first time during his acceptance speech Thursday at the Democratic National Convention would come away soaked in Kerry's past as a decorated Vietnam veteran but finding only hints about his days as a war pro-

Kerry spoke frequently of his younger days fighting for his country and ignored Vietnam when praising the American tradition of going to war only "because we have to. Kerry says he is still proud of his anti-war

activism when he came back A video introduction shown at the conven-

tion before the broadcast networks began carrying his speech included a clip of the young Kerry, in military garb, testifying to Congress against the war in 1971.

Kerry emphasized throughout his speech his credentials as a Vietnam veteran. fended this country as a young man," he said "We fought for this nation because we loved it, and we came back with the deep belief that every day is extra.

There was no telling from his remarks that Kerry became a leading anti-war protester after his return from Vietnam.

Testifying to Congress on behalf of Vietnam Veterans Against the War, he detailed atrocities he said were committed by U.S. troops in Vietnam, including rapes, beheadings and random killings of civilians, only to acknowledge later he had not witnessed these acts

He tossed away the ribbons he had received with his war medals, threw away the medals of other veterans who weren't able to attend a protest and told the 1971 Senate hearing: The country doesn't know it yet, but it has created a monster, a monster in the form of millions of men who have been taught to deal and to trade in violence, and who are given the chance to die for the biggest nothing in his-

Despite his judgment then that Vietnam was about "nothing" - and despite other wars and invasions of arguable necessity – Kerry suggested Iraq was a departure from a long-held practice of last-resort wars.

"As president, I will bring back this nation's time-honored tradition: The United States of America never goes to war because we want to; we only go to war because we have to

### Bush touts 'results' in response to Kerry

BY PETE YOST The Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — President Bush launched his counterattack Friday against John Kerry, saving his Democratic rival spent years in the U.S. Senate with "no signature achievements

"My opponent has good intentions, but intentions do not always translate to results," Bush told thousands of supporters who repeatedly interrupted his remarks with standing ovations

Appearing at a baseball stadium outhwest Missouri State Uni versity. Bush said that during eight years on the Senate Intelligence Committee,

Kerry voted to cut the into cut use telligence or but had no record of re-

America's intelligence-gathering capabili-ty. Problems

with the intelligence agen-

cies have been blamed for many of the failures surrounding the Sept. 11,

2001, terrorist attacks.

Bush also said Kerry has no significant record for reforming edu-

cation or health care. The president said that Kerry and running mate John Edwards

consistently oppose reforms that limit the power of Washington and eave more power in the hands o the people.
"This week members of the

other party gathered in Boston," Bush said. "We heard a lot of clever speeches and some big promis-es. After 19 years in the United States Senate, my opponent has had thousands of votes but very few signature achievements.

Bush also mounted a defense of his record, saying that Kerry would erase gains made in the past four years in the economy and U.S.

"We are turning the corner and we are not turning back" in the war on terrorism and on issues from improving education and health care to maintaining tax cuts, said Bush, declaring: "Results matter."

"They're going to raise taxes, e're not," Bush said of Kerry. He said the Bush administration has "a clear vision on how to win the war on terror and bring peace to the world."

Bush also contrasted the long-time government service of Dick Cheney to Edwards, a first-term senator. "I appreciate my running mate," said Bush. "He's not the prettiest man in the race, but he's got sound judgment."

Offering broad outlines of his re-election agenda, Bush promised better times and fresh ideas, declaring.
"I think the senator of Massachu-

setts is a walking contradiction, seits is a waiking contradiction, said Bush spokesman Scott McClel-lan. Although he called Kerry's speech "nicely crafted," he criti-cized Kerry's Senate record and said he is "running as fast and as far as he can from that record."

#### Democrats sideline liberal topics at convention BY RON FOURNIER the issue that is most important to spoke prior to the prime-time

The Associated Press

BOSTON - Focusing on John

Kerry as a terrorism-fighting, medal-winning patriot, nobody at the Democratic National Convention, it seems, is talking about gay rights and other hot-button is

Abortion rights, gay rights, affirmative action, gun control these and more traditional liberal convention themes were shoved relentlessly focused its convention on the candidate's Vietnam War record. "The special interests that

favor Democrats understand that they will be vastly better off under a Kerry administration than they have been under Bush, said Matt Bennett, spokesman for Americans for Gun Safety, which supports gun control.

They also understand the way to get Kerry elected is to focus on

voters - that is security both at home and abroad," Bennett said. spokesman

Schmidt said Democrats are trying to keep Kerry's liberal ways from the general public. "We've said from the first hour of the convention that this will be an extreme makeover of John Kerry's 20-year record in the U.S. Senate," he said.

Cheryl Jacques, president of the Human Rights Campaign,

Wednesday night schedule to defend "marriage equality," or the right of gays to marry. Her spokesman, Mark Shields, said it makes sense to focus the convention on security, not gay rights and other liberal topics. "If you look at every national poll, gay rights is not something people want politicians spending their time on. They want them spending their time on jobs, the economy and the war in Iraq." he said.

# Kerry's words for servicemembers CNN airs

John Kerry addressed delegates to close the 2004 Democratic National Convention. Here are excerpts from his speech, focusing on his plans for the military:

I'm John Kerry, and I'm reporting for duty.
My fellow Americans, we're

here tonight united in one purpose: to make America stronger at home and respected in the world

I was born, as some of you saw in the film, in Fitzsimmons Army Hospital in Colorado, when my dad was a pilot in World War II. And when I was a young man, he was in the State Department stationed in Berlin when it and the world were divided between

democracy and communism. I have unforgettable memories of being a kid mesmerized by the British, French and American troops, each of them guarding their own part of the city, and Rus sians standing guard on that stark line separating East from West.

I learned what it meant to be America at our best. .

I will be a commander in chief who will never mislead us into

My fellow Americans, this is the most important election of our lifetime. The stakes are high. We are a nation at war: a global war on terror against an enemy unlike we've ever known before. ... The world tonight is very differ-

ent from the world of four years ago. But I believe the American people are more than equal to the challenge

Now. I know there that are those who criticize me for seeing complexities - and I do - because some issues just aren't all that simple. Saying there are weapons of mass destruction in Iraq doesn't make it so. Saying we can fight a war on the cheap doesn't make it so. And proclaiming "Mission accomplished" certainly doesn't make it so. ..

As president, I will bring back this nation's time-honored tradition: The United States of America never goes to war because we want to; we only go to war because we have to. That is the standard of our nation

I know what kids go through when they're carrying an M-16 in a dangerous place, and they can't tell friend from foe. I know what they go through when they're out on patrol at night and they don't know what's coming around the next bend. I know what it's like to write letters home telling your family that everything's all right, when you're not sure that that's

As president, I will wage this war with the lessons I learned in war. Before you go to battle, you have to be able to look a parent in the eye and truthfully say, "I tried everything possible to avoid sending your son or daughter into harm's way, but we had no choice. We had to protect the American people, fundamental American values against a threat that was real and imminent."

So, lesson No. 1, this is the only justification for going to war And on my first day in office, I will send a message to every man and woman in our armed forces:

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I know what we have to do in Iraq. We need a president who has the credibility to bring our allies to our side and share the burden, reduce the cost to American taxpavers. reduce the risk to American soldiers That's the right way to get the job done and

Here is the reality: That won't happen until we who America's

bring our troops

have a president restores respect and leadership so we don't

have to go it alone in the world. Let there be no mistake: I will never hesitate to use force when it is required. Any attack will be met with a swift and a certain re-

I will never give any nation or any institution a veto over our na-

tional security And I will build a stronger military. We will add 40,000 active duty troops, not in Iraq, but to strengthen American forces that are now overstretched, overex-

tended and under pressure. We will double our Special Forces to conduct terrorist operations, anti-terrorist operations, and we will provide our troops with the newest weapons and technology to save their lives and win the battle. And we will end



Sen. John Kerry on Thursday

draft of the National Guard and reservists. To all who

serve in armed forces today. I say: Help is on the We need a

strong military and we need to lead strong alliances

And with confidence and determination, we will be able to tell the terrorists: You will lose, and we will win. The future doesn't belong

to fear; it belongs to freedom For four years, we've heard a lot of talk about values. But values spoken without actions taken

are just slogans. You don't value families if you force them to take up a collection to buy body armor for a son or daughter in the service, if you deny veterans health care, or if you tell middle-class families to wait for a tax cut, so that the wealthiest among us can get even

It is time to reach for the next dream. It is time to look to the next horizon. For America, the hope is there. The sun is rising Our best days are still to come.

Thank you, Good night, God bless you, and God bless the United States of America.

### tirade over balloon problems

From staff and wire reports

As John Kerry concluded his acceptance speech Friday night, the jubilant convention crowd cheered and the balloons dropped. A few of them. Maybe too few. "Go balloons." said convention

producer Don Mischer, instructing the balloon droppers. His voice roseas it was going out over

"I don't see anything happening," he said angrily. Unknown to him, CNN was running his name and title across the bottom of the screen

CNN aired Mischer as he became more frantic.

"There's not enough coming down! All balloons, what the hell! There's nothing falling! What the f--- are you guys doing up there?"
Finally, the balloons came

CNN's Wolf Blitzer then came

on and apologized to viewers. Mischer's stage instructions were available to all major media covering the convention during the week - for their guidance,

not for broadcast CNN said it had permission to

air the audio Stephen Jewett, a DNC official involved in podium operations, said there was no malfunction

The balloons were timed to come down slowly, he said, making "for a longer ending, which

with the balloon drop.

A challenge to Bush

**ANALYSIS** 

By RONALD BROWNSTEIN Los Angeles Times BOSTON - Sen. John F. Kerry

capped a Democratic convention centered on his experiences in Vietnam with an acceptance speech that seemed the political equivalent of a surprise attack on an enemy's strongest point.

In a confident and combative address Thursday night, Kerry signaled his determination to fight the fall campaign on terrain

that the White House has long as-sumed would belong to President Bush: strength, in-

tegrity, values and the prosecution of the war on terror

Challenging Bush's claim to better represent mainstream social values, Kerry jibed, "It is time for those who talk about family values to start valuing families."

Above all, the convention, and Kerry's speech itself, seemed designed to reassure Americans that it was safe to take the unsettling step of replacing the com-mander in chief at a time of war.

Yet the speech left openings Republicans will seek to exploit in the weeks ahead. It offered no new details on Kerry's plans for stabilizing Iraq. Nor did Kerry clearly say whether he believed the war was a mistake.

Kerry said little about his ca-

reer in the Senate - thus providing little new defense for a voting record the Bush campaign has harshly criticized. And by placing greater emphasis on new spending proposals than how he would pay for them.

Without directly saying that he believed the war in Iraq was a mistake, Kerry strongly suggested his own experience in combat would make him more cautious than Bush about sending American troops into such a war again. Concluding

with Kerry's speech, the party presented a con

sistent and integrated critique of Bush's strategy for protecting America after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. They have ac-cused Bush of alienating the world, and slighting efforts to bolster homeland security, in favor of an excessively ideological reliance on military force, symbol-ized the decision to invade Iraq.

Kerry promised to win more cooperation from allies and implied that he would be more discriminating than Bush in rejecting "simple" answers and acknowl-edging the "complexities" of the choices America faces in the world. But he repeated earlier promises to "never give any nation or any institution a veto over our national security" and to "never hesitate to use force when it is required."



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# **Ky.** governor gets last laugh

By BRUCE SCHREINER The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Gov. Ernie Fletcher said Wednesday that swapping gags with late-night television host Jay Leno gave him a chance to "punch back" at Kentucky's backwoods image

Fletcher said he enjoyed his appearance Tuesday night on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno," but added he was glad to be back "doing my job and leaving the stand-up comedy to profession-

The Republican governor defended the commonwealth's honor after Leno poked fun at the state's plans for a new image-building catch phrase. Leno offered "Kentucky: Got Teeth?" as a potential marketing slogan

Fletcher wasn't pleased and fired off a terse letter to Leno. prompting the invitation to appear on the show. Fletcher came out wielding a Louisville Slugger bat that he presented to Leno. Standing next to Leno on stage, the first-term governor said he wanted to "set a few things straight." Fletcher tried to stay stone-faced when Leno offered several new marketing slogans for Kentucky during the show. Among them

- "Kentucky: As seen on TV, mostly on 'Jerry Springer' and
- "Kentucky: The first state to recognize same-sibling marriage.

"When you don't want to deal with traffic, half our cars are up

Fletcher got in a few licks of his own, aimed at Los Angeles "L.A.: Come for the silicone,

stay for the Botox "L.A.: Married, divorced, re-

married, all in about an hour."

His last slogan — "In Kentucky, we pay higher stud fees

- a reference to the state's status as a horse-breeding capital For too long, the state has been defensive about its less-than-so-

phisticated image, Fletcher said Wednesday. Movie star Ashley Judd, whose

family has deep roots in Ken-tucky, also talked up the commonwealth during the show.

Her suggested slogans included: "Get Lucky in Kentucky."



Kentucky Gov. Ernie Fletcher, right, and Jay Leno jokingly spar over possible new slogans for both Kentucky and Los Angeles during "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno" on Tuesday.

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#### **BDU** rule is nonsense

The other day I read an e-mail that had been posted by our commander. It was sent to him from higher up to warn that punishment would soon be given out to soldiers caught not wearing their bat tle-dress uniform tops while riding in convoys. It also mentioned (gasp) soldiers were seen not wearing their heavy, uncomfortable Kevlars in Kuwait.

We took off our BDU tops because it is roughly the same temperature as hell outside. It is a daily occurrence while out on the road to administer IVs to four or five soldiers. It doesn't make sense to wear long-sleeve shirts when in the cab of a truck where it is nearly 200 degrees. These soldiers are drinking plenty of water

They understand that it is necessary to stay hydrated. We had a class on the subject - the same class that taught us to remove the BDU blouse and unblouse the boots to aid a soldier suffering from heat exhaustion. It would make sense that doing so before the soldier actually collapsed would be considered a preventive

In basic training we would unblouse the boots as soon as it broke 100 degrees It's an Army regulation, the drill sergeants informed us. Why would it be wrong to unblouse our boots when it's 130 degrees outside?

We are told to wear Keylars in Kuwait. Why? I'm not in any danger of being shot at. Is it to protect me in the event of an ac-cident? I drive an M1070 HET tractor truck. It weighs something like 100,000 pounds.

Does it sound like I'm stressed out? A little frazzled perhaps? Well, I am. And I'm not alone. And I don't need an MWR trip. I don't need a back massage or an ice cream cone. I need to be treated like an adult and allowed to make my own decisions on simple tasks like how to dress myself. I'm not an idiot.

We are all out here doing our best, so give us a little break, will ya?

Sgt. Kristopher Karr Kuwait/Iraq

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#### A tax-break legend

This myth about President Bush creating tax breaks only for the rich is developing into an urban legend.

We live in Illinois. My husband is retired Navy. He works at Great Lakes Navy Base as a facilitator and made \$44,000 last year. I work for the public school district for nine months each year and made \$11,000 last year. Our total income is \$55,000. As you can see, we didn't make much money trying to take care of a family of four. We got enough back from the cuts to pay off our credit card, remodel our bathroom and new clothes for the kids

If the tax break is for the rich, then I am Scrooge McDuck.

Bush signed into law the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003. Many working families received an advance payment of \$800 on July 2003 based on their 2002 tax return. If you did not receive a relief check, it's probably due to having children over 18, not paying any taxes or receiving other government assistance

Read your IRS handbook. If you look at the tax schedule for those who make

\$100,000 or less, the tax rate is 10 percent. If you made more than \$100,000, then your tax rates are higher. Take a look at your take-home pay. Federal income tax was reduced from 15 percent to 10 percent. Do the math or check out Web sites to verify.

What is wrong keeping your own money in your paycheck? It's about time we had a tax break for middle-class families like ourselves.

People should read more. It appears people would rather listen to the latest conspiracy theory on late-night radio because it's more entertaining but not based on logic or reasoning.

Waukegan, Ill.

#### More Stripes Travel, please

I wanted to add my disappointment to the letter "Small travel section" (July 22)

I, too, was rather disappointed in the condensing of the section. It is such a great reference to use when you are planning your travels through Europe, I appreciate hearing what travelers have to say about places and knowing what is going on across the regions. I also have to agree that if you don't get

your paper early on Thursday, you may not get one. Colleen A. Malcom

Heidelberg, Germany

#### Picture perfect for proud dad

To see a picture of your son doing his job so far away from home was a real treat and joy ("Refueling teams adapt to operations out of Rhein-Main," front-page photo for all editions except Italy, July 22). Having the Internet makes the world seem so small, as I know it is not. You worry so much about your family being so far away from you in a war environment. It makes me feel so proud of him.

Gary R. Garrison Muskogee, Okla.

#### BY GARRY TRUDEAU

### Doonesbury









#### Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



THEY'RE trying to make a big deal of stuff John-Boy and I said about each other during the primaries, Like my saying that thing about him being in diapers when I got home from Vietvam...



# Looking at the news

A weekly sampling of U.S. editorial cartoons











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#### Triple-dog dare

NE SCOTTSBLUFF Two men who were arrested for walking through a Wal-Mart while walking wearing women's thong underwear blamed the stunt on a "triple-dog dare," authorities said.

The men, ages 35 and 36, bought two pair of underwear at the store Tuesday, went into a bathroom and came out wearing

only the thongs and T-shirts, police said.

Witnesses said the men walked through the store and out to their car. Police caught the men in the parking lot.

When asked why they were wearing thong underwear, one of the men said a friend "triple-dog dared" them. They will not be prosecuted, authorities said.

#### Sweet reward sours

MO KANSAS CITY — Kansas City police have taken a licking for a new program that rewards motorists who drive safely by stopping them and giving them coupons for free ice cream.

Sgt. Don Jantzen of the North Patrol Division said residents expressed concerns about the program and the department's legal counsel advised officers to stop it. He said the division commander will revamp it and come up with a new approach within two weeks.

Paula Talley was rewarded Monday for wearing her seat belt and yielding to traffic. She said she was afraid being stopped would make her late for work, although she made it on time.

"My job probably wouldn't have cared about free ice cream," she

#### Money laundering

GA COLUMBUS — City offi-cials had to launder some money after a backhoe operator found \$46,000 while moving garbage at a landfill.

They tried to clean the gross greenbacks so the money could be denosited in a bank.

But after the police were noti-fied, police Lt. Gil Slouchick said the money was counted and stored at the Columbus Police Depart-

Police said they were not imme-diately able to determine where the money came from, but after 90 days it becomes abandoned property and the city may be eligible to

"It was found buried in garbage that had been there for some ," Deputy City Manager Isai-Ingley said Tuesday, "It had ah Hugley said Tuesday. "It ha been there for a number of years.

#### Fire extinguisher stinks

WA FERNDALE — Crews fighting a blaze in a three-acre manure lagoon Wednesday smothered the flames with more of the same - a blanket of wet cow manure.
The cause of the fire was not

known. It started Sunday in brush growing on the crust of manure, wood chips and barn shavings on the surface of the lagoon, which is 24 feet deep.

After working with water and foam, crews began spraying the wet manure on Tuesday. Another layer was applied on Wednesday, and Assistant Fire Chief Larry Hoffman said the fire appeared to be "98-99 percent" out.



### **AMERICAN ROUNDUP**

Hoffman received an earful of complaints about the smoke and odor as the fire burned on a dairy farm outside Ferndale, about 100 miles north of Seattle

"We're not the most popular department in town," he said.

#### Must protect mice?

TALLAHASSEE — The federal government has just over two years to reconsider its refusal to designate critical habitat to protect hundreds of endangered nocturnal beach mice found only on a Florida Panhandle peninsula.

Senior U.S. District Judge William Stafford issued an order Tuesday that could eventually lead to placing habitat for the St. Andrew beach mouse off-limits to human use

An estimated 300 to 500 of the mice live in dunes mostly in the St. Joseph Peninsula State Park on Cane San Blas, a remote sand spit about 80 miles southwest of Talla-

#### Reporting underage sex

KS WICHITA — A federal judge ruled Monday that doctors, nurses and other health care professionals in Kansas cannot be forced to report instances of underage sey to authorities



#### A head above

Makenzi Yoder, 4, takes a close look at a 6-year-old Belgian draft horse. Master KC. at the 2004 American Royal Kids Agriculture Learning Fest in Kansas City, Mo. Makenzi owns a mule that also is on display at the fest.

U.S. District Judge J. Thomas Marten issued a preliminary injunction blocking Kansas Attorney General Phill Kline's interpretation of a state law

Sex involving someone under 16 is illegal in Kansas, even if it involves willing same-age partners. Last July, Kline said the 1982 law re-Last quires doctors, nurses, psychiatrists social workers and others to report such illegal underage sex to law enforcement officials

or the state. The Center for Reproductive Rights, a New York advocacy group, argued that such a requirement would discourages young people from seeking counseling or medical treatment, including abortions.

The judge sided with the advocacv group

#### Record budget OK'd

SPRINGFIELD — Illinois lawmakers adopted a \$45.5 billion state budget Saturday, 54 days into a record-breaking overtime legislative session and three weeks after the start of the fiscal

The new budget, which erased a multibillion-dollar deficit, in-creased spending on education and health care but provided for across the board cuts elsewhere by as much as 4 percent.

Officials hope to bring in \$150 million by ending some corporate tax breaks, \$260 million by taking "surplus" money from accounts for special state government programs; \$225 million by charging the same funds administrative fees; and \$35 million in new fees and fines for businesses, convictions and other activities

#### Soundproofing by airport

NH MANCHESTER — About 80 more homes near Manchester's airport will be sound-proofed with \$2.5 million in new federal grants, federal transportation and local airport officials said.

About 700 homes are on a wait-ing list for the aid, but the streets that will benefit haven't been chosen vet. officials said.

Homes near the airport usually cost between \$30,000 and \$40,000 to soundproof. Federal funds usually pay about 90 percent of the cost, while the airport and state pay the rest.

The money is part of \$11.5 million in federal funding coming to the airport. The remaining cash will help offset the cost of runway and safety upgrades, as well as bankroll an upcoming property purchase.

#### Teams drop out

OH CLEVELAND — Problems with obtaining visas have forced cities in Cameroon, Iraq, Nigeria and the Philippines to drop plans to send teams to the upcoming International Children's Games

About 50 athletes and coaches will not be able to attend the multisport competition, which opens Friday and is being held in the United States for the first time since it was founded in 1968.

"It's disappointing, especially because a lot of the paperwork was al-ready in," said David Gilbert, presi-dent of the Greater Cleveland Sports Commission, which is orga-nizing the games. "With the current world situation, it's sometimes difficult to get visas."



Wondrous waterfall

Glen.

Rich and Pauline Kanter sit at the base of the 94-foot Ganoga Falls in Ricketts Glen State Park in Pennsylvania. Ganoga Falls is the largest waterfall in the park. A confluence of creeks running down the Allegheny Front Trail make for almost two dozen waterfalls at Rickets



It's a dog's life

Basie, the Steger family's golden retriever, wet from romping in Lake Michigan and covered in sand, snuggles next to a sunbathing Michele

Steger of Racine, as the family spends the late morning hours sun bathing at North Beach Park in Racine, Wis.



Dutchess, a Getting ready for the big top 33-year-old Asian elephant, gets a wash from handler Duane Ploof before the 50th annual Birak Shrine Circus with George Carden Circus International at the West Otter Tail Fairgrounds in Fergus Falls, Minn.



Danielle Damone, 13, right, flips her hair after dunking her Hair-slinging water fight head in a water bucket while Chris Stage, 13, left, stands back during a water gun fight at the X-treme Teen Adventure Camp in Jensen Beach, Fla. The summer day camp includes snorkling, digital photography, horseback riding, sailing and windsurfing.



Rolling along

Ms. Nebraska, Penny Silvius, smiles as she wheels her way down 5th Street in Richmond, Va., during a parade that is part of the Ms. Wheelchair America program.



Headed for the pot

George Le-Bert of Miami holds his prize catch on the first day of lobster mini season in Key Biscavne. Fla.



A study in cheese

Josette Yannias, left, and Candace Owens taste different cheeses at the 21st annual American Cheese Society Conference in Milwaukee.

#### **Debris-burning dangers**

NH CONCORD — The towns of Hopkinton and Henniker may join forces to oppose a plan to burn construction debris at a plant on Route 127.
Residents have said they're con-

cerned the debris could be coated in lead paint or other toxic material and cause pollution. Hopkinton residents have op-

posed the plan for about one year. That town's leaders met with their Henniker counterparts this

week and discussed the issue. A company named Bio Energy would run the debris-burning

plant. Bio Energy has received state permission to emit 2.6 tons of lead

into the air annually. The permit is facing a legal chal-

lenge. Arguments in a lawsuit over whether the company's state permits override its town permits are scheduled for September in state Supreme Court

#### Money for mentally ill

NV CARSON CITY — The state Board of Examiners plans a special meeting Friday to vote on an emergency \$2 million appropriation for a temporary 30-bed psychiatric hospital in Las Vegas to handle mentally ill people now crowding hospital emergency rooms. Officials say the funds will cover operating costs from Aug 1 until February when the Legislature convenes.

#### Trial for swim suit set

BRENHAM — Trial has been set for November in a lawsuit filed by a Brenham woman who contends her civil rights were violated when she was booted from a city-run swimming pool after she balked at getting into the water to supervise her then 5-year-old grandson.

Lifeguards at Brenham's Blue Bell Aquatic Center told Donna Martin she'd have help her grandson because he wasn't a good enough swimmer. Pool rules said a parent or guardian had to supervise children under 10 although the rules didn't specify the older person physically had to be in the water.

Martin refused repeated requests by lifeguards to get into the water and the dispute escalated to the point where police had to be summoned to escort her away.

In her suit, set to be heard Nov. 24 in U.S. District Court in Austin. Martin contends the ouster during the July 2002 incident, plus a 180-day ban from the pool, violated her civil rights. Pool officials contend they were concerned with the child's safety. The city and two pool officials are defendants in the snit

#### City loses dot-com

MARIETTA - The city of Marietta hoped to get in on the Internet boom when it launched its own company eight years ago. Now, the city is selling its Fiber-

Net at a loss of about \$24 million. The Board of Lights and Water and the City Council were expected to vote Thursday to approve the sale to American Fiber Systems of Rochester, N.Y., for \$11.2 million — a figure that's expected to decrease once adjustments are made

scheduled for Aug. 31.

FiberNet has about 180 customers along 210 miles of fiber-optic cable stretching from Kennesaw to Alpharetta and into Atlanta, which is just south of the Chattahoochee River from Marietta. The city has poured about \$35

million into building and maintaining the system since 1996.

#### Museum missing money

NY NEW YORK — Two employees have been charged with stealing \$880,000 in cash over 21/2 years from the Whitney Museum of American Art the Manhattan district attorney's office said Thursday.

Nafeem Wahlah, 29, manager of visitor services, allegedly stole \$850,000 by voiding ticket sales and pocketing the money.

Investigators allegedly found \$800,000 in her Brooklyn home, prosecutors said.

Rowan Foley, 24, of Queens, al-legedly stole \$30,000 the same wav.

The investigation began after Foley told museum officials that he suspected Wahlah, his boss, was stealing money.

In June, private investigators set up two hidden cameras behind the ticket-selling counter and one in a room where visitors' services employees counted the day's receipts.

#### Box bombers busted

WV MARTINSBURG — Two men accused of detonating a homemade bomb inside a news paper street box did not get far before they were caught. Police Chief Ted Anderson was at a nearby residence when the explosion occurred. Anderson heard the Wednesday

night explosion and went to the scene where he saw smoke coming out of one of The Journal's boxes and a vehicle fleeing, he said Thursday.

Anderson gave chase and captured the suspects several blocks away. Inside the vehicle, he found a plastic soda bottle filled with a substance that police believe was gunnowder. The top was wrapped with duct tane. Dustin Wayne Stout, 24, who has

no fixed address, was charged with criminal use of a destructive device, explosive material or incendiary device. Andrew Lee Pauley. 18, of Martinsburg was charged with possession of a destructive de-

#### Roadside-hunting fines

VI MONTPELIER — The Department of Fish and Wildlife will issue stiffer penalties this fall for hunters who shoot deer from the road or from vehicles.

The maximum fine will increase from \$50 and a one-year loss of hunting and fishing license to

Sportsmen said they expect the fine increases — which apply to road or vehicle shooting of all wildlife — to be well received by law-abiding hunters.

"The only ones who expressed resistance are the ones who break the law." said Clint Grav. northern vice president of the Vermont Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs.

The fine increase "elevates it to the offense that it is," he said. "Be-fore it was just a slap on the wrist." Stories and Photos from wire services

before closing the deal, which is



Model Alessandra Ambrosio helps launch the Victoria's Secret "Pink" collection, targeted at college women, in New York on Thursday.

# Victoria's Secret hopes coeds will be tickled 'Pink'

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Victoria's Secret is going to college. The lingerie retailer unveiled the "Pink" line of cotton loungewear and sleepwear targeting 18- to 22-year-olds

Joungewear and sieepwear targeting 18- to 22-year-olds on Wednesday. At the launch of the fall 2004 collection, model Alessandra Ambrosio shepherded 20 college students, who were selected from a nationwide search to be spokeswomen in university dorms.

It is Victoria's Secret's first fashion line designed specifically for college-aged women.

Ambrosio and "Team Pink" (as the college spokeswom-

Ambrosio and "Team Pink" (as the college spokeswomen have been named) arrived in their new short-shorts and tank tops at the Manhattan flagship store of Victoria's Secret in pink-and-white Hummer limos.

The "Pink" collection is not necessarily pink, but is necessarily girlie. The line features vibrant-colored thongs, polka dot panties, tequila-blue colored T-shirt bras, and plenty of soft cotton pajamas. The spokeswomen were selected from thousands of an-

plications from universities across the country in a search for what the Team Pink recruiter, Sara Tervo, calls "our ambassadors on campus."

Tervo's criteria was not to find the sexiest or thinnest young women, but to find the ones who are "a leader on their campus — girls who everyone knows when they walk around campus."

They are already getting the word out.

Kokoa Lawson, a San Francisco State University student, said, "You want to be cute, but comfortable" at school.

Some of the "ambassadors" are ready to wear the longer, more substantial pajamas right into the classroom. "You can sleep in it and get up for that 7 a.m. class, and go!" said Porter.

#### Caretaker stabbed at musician's home

LOS ANGELES — A caretaker at the home of Five for Fighting's John Ondrasik was in serious condition Thursday after being stabbed 13 times by an intruder, authorities said

No arrests had been made in what investigators were treating as a possible burglary that was disrupted, police Officer Sandra Escalante said. The musician was not in

the San Fernando Valley house at the time of the attack.
The attacker entered Ondrasik's home Wednesday
night while a caretaker couple was there. The intruder
stabbed Carlos Canton, 43, before fleeing, Escalante said.

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SATURDAY, JULY 31, 2004

9:00	AFN-EUROPE	(AFN-KOREA)	AFN-NEWS	(AFN-SPORTS)	SPECTRUM	(AFN-PACIFIC)
	Pokemon-Johto	Trading Spaces	Nightline	PGA Golf Buick Open - - Second Round. From	The View	Trading Spaces
9:30	Kenny the Shark (EI) Lizzie McGuire	The Best Of Entertainment Tonight	Army Newswatch	Grand Blanc, Mich.	Local Flavors	The Best Of
10:00	Scout's Safari (El)	Entertainment ionignt	Hardball With Chris Matthews	(Taped)	A Makeover Story	Entertainment Tonight
10:30 11:00	Focus on the Force	Headline News	Dateline NBC	SportsCenter	While You Were Out	Headline News
11:30	The Best Of	ESPNews	Datellile NDC	Sportscenter	Willie Tou Wele Out	ESPNews
12:00	Entertainment Tonight	My Wife and Kids	The O'Reilly Factor	MLB Baseball Teams	Trading Spaces "Alpharet-	My Wife and Kids
12:30		Half & Half	,	to Be Announced. (Live)	ta: Providence Oaks*	Half & Half
13:00	WWE Raw	The West Wing "No	CNN Saturday Morn-	· ·	Everwood "Unfinished	The West Wing "No
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14:00	My Wife and Kids	Law & Order "Gaijin"	20/20		Strong Medicine "De-	Law & Order "Gaijin"
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15:00	The West Wing "No Exit"	Headline News	Today	SportsCenter	Movie *** "Before	Headline News
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18:00	SportsCenter	Bassmasters	News From CNN	Track and Field Adidas	Local Flavors	Bassmasters
18:30	1			Oregon Classic. (Taped)	A Makeover Story	
19:00	MLB Baseball Region-	NASCAR Racing Crafts-	Dateline NBC	ATP Tennis Tennis	While You Were Out	NASCAR Racing Crafts-
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21:00	Chicago Cubs. (Live)	Headline News	20/20	PGA Golf Buick Open - - Third Round. From	Everwood "Unfinished Business"	Headline News
21:30	MLB Baseball Seattle	Hour of Power Celebration of Victory	FOX News	Warwick Hills Golf and		Hour of Power Celebration of Victory
22:00	Mariners at Anaheim	Coral Ridge Hour	FUA NEWS	Country Club in Grand Blanc, Mich. (Taped)	Strong Medicine "De- terioration"	Celebration of Victory Coral Ridge Hour
22:30	Angels. (Live)	Word in the World	FOX News	Bianc, Mich. (Taped)		Word in the World
23:30	1	Cafe Video	0.0		Movie *** "Before Sunrise" (1995, Drama)	Cafe Video
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1:00	Saturday Night Live	MLB Baseball Teams	The Capital Gang	Basketball Puerto Rico	Kingsley's Meadow	MLB Baseball Teams
1:30		to Be Announced. (Live)		vs. United States. From lacksonville Fla	Harvest: Greg Laurie	to Be Announced. (Live
2:00			Washington Week	(Taped)	Music Word	
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### FACES 'N' PLACES

# His religion is back

### R.E.M. singer Stipe tackles faith on film

By PHOERE FLOWERS South Florida Sun-Sentine

ichael Stipe is best known as the lead singer of the enduring. ever-evolving rock band R.E.M, which in turn is best known for the 13-year-old hit song "Losing My Religion.'

Now, in the first of three movies he pro duced that will be released this year, Stipe is again tackling the subject of faith.

"Saved!," a barbed comedy set at a Christian high school that opened in the States recently, an idealistic teenage girl named Mary (Jena Malone) is forced to question her beliefs when her "perfect Christian boyfriend" (Chad Faust) confesses he might be gav

One of the most interesting things about "Saved!," the debut of writer-director Brian Dannelly, is that it is ultimately a straightforward high school movie. And Stipe, who also served as a producer on films including "Being John Malkovich" and "Our Song," confesses that was part of what drew him to the script.

"The industry of film is one that's not very open to new ideas," Stipe, 44, said during a recent interview in a North Miami recording studio, where he is putting finishing touches on the forthcoming R.E.M. album.

"Part of my attraction as a producer to this film is it does shoot right down the middle. It's a genre of film that we all know; it climaxes at the senior prom. I mean, it is that high school movie. I think what makes it different is, number one, it's very, very funny, like 'Fast Times at Ridgemont High or like 'Heathers.' But it's set in a Christian high school, and it's taking on a couple of things that some of those other films maybe touched on or maybe ignored altogether, but things that ... are questions that



Michael Stipe, the lead singer of the rock band R.E.M, is producing three movies in which the subject of faith is addressed.



#### Michael Stipe of R.E.M performs at the annual San Diego Street Scene in California

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Michael Stipe

each of us has to face at some point." Despite the fears of mockery that many Christians may have had upon learning of the subject matter, "Saved!" is actually a

fairly balanced portraval of the faith, ultimately preaching tolerance and kindness But not everyone feels that way. The

deeply conservative Jerry Falwell blasted the movie, which he had yet to see, on CNN, hopefully predicting that it would "crash and burn." Christian Film & Television Commission founder Ted Baehr derided it as "a sad, bigoted, anti-Christian movie.'

he's producing movies about faith On the other hand. the publication Chris tianity Today, while griping that some of

the characters are excessively two-dimensional, does allow that "the movie is ultimately pro-faith and does make some perceptive criticisms of evangelicals." Regardless of your feelings about the

movie. Stipe, who says he "comes from a long line of Methodist ministers," is optimistic that "Saved!" will get people talking and "create a little bit of a dialogue be-

tween people who are very extreme in their faith and people who just have faith.

Or don't have faith."

So far, audiences seem to be responding. After a few weeks of limited release and a single day of wide release, "Saved!" had raked in an estimated \$2.14 million - nearly half its production

budget.

Certainly, in a year in which Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ" has blown away the box office, so far grossing an astounding \$370 million (and another \$238 million overseas), the culture is rife for movies addressing the always-incendiary

Stipe - who, despite his Methodist background, has been identified as an atheist by Dannelly — credits "The Passion" with providing "this climate where belief-based films are more acceptable."

topic of faith

Consider that in the past few years, the closest thing we've had to a thoughtful look at religion was the Jim Carrey comedy "Bruce Almighty," or the far-from-main stream, apocalypse-themed "Left Behind" series of books.

#### Lil' extra time for Lil' Kim

A federal judge in New York on Wednesday postponed the trial of rapper Lil' Kim on charges she lied to a grand jury to give her lawyers more time to review the prosecution's evidence.

Prosecutors objected to the delay from November to Feb. 28. The rapper, whose real name is Kimberly Jones, is charged with conspiracy, perjury and obstruction. Prosecutors have ac-

cused Jones of lying to a grand jury investigating a 2001 shooting allegedly involving members of her entou-

rage. One man from a rival rap group was injured.

Jones' former manager and co-defendant, Damion Butler, has been indicted for allegedly shooting a weapon during the incident. Jones is accused of telling the grand jury that Butler was not present.



Lil' Wayne taped a music video at the closed 108-year-old Ohio State Reformatory in Mansfield, which has become a popular backdron for videos and movies

About 30 teens showed up Tuesday for a glimpse of the 21-year-old rapper during taping for the song "Go DJ" from his album "Tha Carter

The Mansfield Reformatory Preservation Society charged Lil' Wayne about \$2,000 for the use of the west cell block, which has five tiers

and 250 cells. group needs \$10 million to \$20 million to renovate the site, society administrator Ed Meehin said

The prison was used in the filming of 1994's "The Shawshank Redemption."

Several years later, it appeared as a Russian prison in the movie "Air Force One."

Two other films and a 2000 music video for the group Godsmack also were made at the prison. Besides regular tours of the site, the society offers a "Hollywood" tour

where they point out movie props and sites where famous scenes were filmed The prison, which closed in 1990, was built as a reformatory

#### J.Lo love life: Take two

"J.Lo. Phase Two" isn't a new summer - it's a state of mind for the actress-singer.

"I feel like this is my phase two, like it's a new beginning." Jennifer Lopez tells In-Style magazine in its August issue. "Like everything I did be

fore really doesn't matter. After two failed marriages and her much publicized romances with Sean "P. Diddy" Combs and Affleck. the 34-year-old pop star seems intent on not leaving a trail of glit-



"Maybe I was a lit-

tle bit careless in the past," she says

"I'm not a perfect person. I make mis-takes. I just feel like I'm in a better place about who I am. I follow my heart. That's the one thing I can say about myself. And I love that about myself."

From wire reports



# Google faces age suit

### Man accuses search engine leader of discrimination

BY MICHAEL LIEDTKE

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO - Online search engine leader Google Inc. casts itself as an enlightened employer that pampers its employees with free meals to supplement plentiful helpings of stock options that could soon be worth millions of dollars.

But a lawsuit filed earlier this week by a recently fired Google manager offers a less flattering picture, contending the company has cultivated a culture that discriminates against older workers and fostered serious morale problems

The civil complaint, filed Tuesday in Santa Clara Superior court, alleges Mountain Viewbased Google fired Brian Reid. 54, as its director of operations in February 2004 because he didn't fit in a culture emphasizing "youth and energy."

Google denied the allegations. "We believe Mr. Reid's complaint is without merit and will defend against it vigorously," spokesman Steve Langdon said. He declined to discuss why Reid lost his job.

Wrongful termination suits alleging age discrimination are common in corporate America, but Reid's complaint could prove awkward for Google, an unorthodox company that has depicted itself as a progressive employer

since its founding nearly six vears ago.

Google Larry co-founders Page, 31, and Sergey Brin, 30, emphasized their devotion to the company's workers in a letter attached to the company's plans to launch an initial public offering of stock later this year.

"Our employees, who have named themselves Googlers, are everything," the letter said. "... We will reward them and treat them well

Page made the final decision to fire Reid, according to the lawsuit. Reid said company executives initially gave him no reason for his termination before Shona Brown, vice president of business operations, told him he was in-compatible with Google's youthful atmosphere. After he left, Reid said he learned he was replaced by someone in their 30s.

Reid also contends he was discriminated against for having diabetes. He was diagnosed with the disease - a condition that "substantially limits his ability to engage in major life activities," according to the lawsuit - shortly after being hired in June 2002.

The firing cost Reid his annual salary of \$200,000 and 119,000 Google stock ontions with an exercise price of 30 cents per share.

Based on estimates of Google's market value. Reid's stock options probably would have been worth about \$10 million after the company's IPO. The suit seeks to recover lost compensation and punitive damages

Reid's lawsuit alleges that Google's office are far from Utonian. The complaint says Google re-

cruited Reid, a technology industry veteran, from his last job as a professor at Carnegie Mellon University West "to correct some very serious problems ... with its work force," citing management and morale problems among women in particular.

The suit didn't describe the naure of the trouble, but said that Reid cleaned things up. Reid never received a negative job review before his firing, the suit

During his tenure at Google, Reid said he gathered evidence that Google purposely avoids hiring older workers. Just 2 percent of Google's roughly 1,900 employees are over 40 years old, according to the suit. The average age of Google's male workers was 29.7 years old and the average age of women was 28.4 years old when Reid left

The suit doesn't mention that most members of Google's senior management team are at least 40 years old. The older executives include: CEO Eric Schmidt, who is 48; Wayne Rosing, vice president of engineering, who is 57; and George Reves, chief financial officer, who is 49.

Scott Hanson, left, hands credit cards to his son, Mat, on Friday at Matt's summer job at Taco Bell in Scottsdale, Ariz. Mat will be going to Northern Arizona University to pursue a degree in business.

### Cash, credit or debit for college students?

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - One of the toughest decisions parents make as they send their children off to college is whether to pack check books, debit cards or credit cards that the kids can use for school costs and personal expenses. Checking accounts and debit

cards have the advantage of imposing limits; if there's no money in the account, the kids can't spend.

Credit cards may allow more spending flexibility - especially in emergencies — but they can risk enticing the kids to overspend

and take on debt they can't afford. Experts say the decision should be based on a child's maturity and comfort with money. They also recommend narents he aware of their children's spending, regardless of the payment option they choose

"In high school, the parents take care of everything financial for their kids," said Steve Avdul, co-author of "Real Life 101: A Guide to Stuff That Actually Mat-When they graduate, the kids will be on their own. College is the transition, and it needs to be a partnership

Scott Hanson, of Phoenix, said his son, Mathew, 18, will head for Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff this fall with a checking account

The account has a linked debit card, which Mathew can use to buy gasoline or get cash, Hanson said. But Hanson has ruled out a credit card, at least for now.

Neale Godfrey, author of "Money Still Doesn't Grow on Trees: A Parents Guide to Raising Financial Responsible Teens and Young Adults," recommends families consider cash cards

A number are now available, in cluding the Visa Buxx prepaid card, which allows parents to supply money by phone or on the Internet and to monitor how it's used. Kids can use it like a debit card to purchase products or like

an ATM card to get cash.

"First, you need to put your child on a budget," Godfrey advised. "Let them estimate what it's going to cost, item by item, for food, clothing, incidentals, And put only that amount on the cash

card." The advantage, she said, is that it helps young people learn to live on a budget.

Another option is a credit card tied to the parents' account.

MasterCard offers a Family Account that allows spending limits to be customized for each card. Monthly statements break down purchases for each individual using the account.

#### THURSDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

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Boeing	.80	15	49.68	+.67	+17.9
Computer Sciences		17	47.14	+.84	+6.6
Engineered Sup Sys	.07	25	56.02	+1.67	+1.7
General Dynamics	1.44	18	99.35	+.84	+9.9
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Halliburton	.50		31.48	+.28	+21.1
Harris Corp.	.40	24	47.84	+2.63	+26.1
Allied Signal	.75	23	37.89	22	+13.3
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Lockheed Martin	.88	21	53.33	+.24	+3.8
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Raytheon	80	35	33.55	+ 84	+11.7
Rockwell Intl.	.66	22	37.69	+.13	+5.9
Segua Corp.		39	52.10	+.70	+6.3
Texas Instruments	.09	26	21.34	+.58	-27.4
Textron Inc.	1.30	32	61.61	+.69	+8.0
United Technologies	1.40	18	94.10	60	7

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Fidelity Invest: USBI	10.95	+.21	- 7
Fidelity Advisor T; GrOgoT	27.64	+ 14	- 3
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Japanese yen (July 31)	109.00
S. Korean won (July 30)	1,139.00
Euro	\$1.241
British pound	\$1.86
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.37699
British pound	\$1.8164
Canada (Dollar)	1.326
Denmark (Krone)	5.82
Eavpt (Pound)	6.20
Furo	\$1.2035
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7993
Hungary (Forint)	205.42
Iceland (Krona)	71.735
Israel (Shekel)	4.517
Japan (Yen)	112.10
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.29464
Norway (Krone)	6.63
Philippines (Peso)	55.96
Saudi Arabia (Riyal) Singapore (Dollar)	3.59
Singapore (Dollar)	1.7283
S. Korea (Won)	1,167.54
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### Cutting commute costs

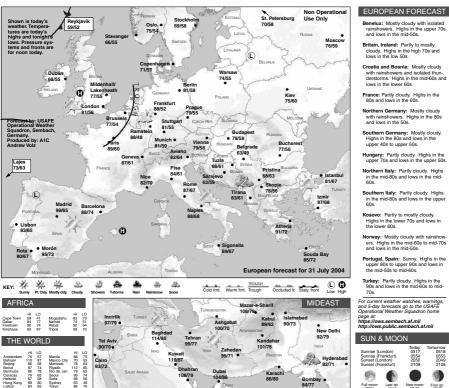
NEW YORK - If you do a lot of driving, commuting costs may be wearing down your wallet, no matter how high or low gas prices may be lately.

If you must drive to and from work, here are some simple things you can do to cut down on spending:

■ Clean out your vehicle. Bankrate.com reports that your car's fuel efficiency is lowered by any extra weight in the car.

■ Take care of your car. Get regular tune-ups, check your tire pressure and otherwise maintain your vehicle.

 Adjust to the summer heat. Gas can evaporate if it has the means to escape, so be sure to tighten your gas cap when fueling up. Use your air conditioner when out on the highway, but open the windows if you're driving at low speeds or are stuck in traffic. You'll use less fuel.



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### Horoscope

The full moon in Aquarius is that rare phenomenon called a blue moon. The term is used to describe the second full moon in one month or, more traditionally, Joyce Jillson the fourth full moon in a season. Use the extraordi nary occurrence to do something you hardly ever do, take a wild chance or enjoy an indulgence that's

#### uncommon to you TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 31). Your commitment to your own vision makes you powerful. Octo ber shows you studying adopting new thought

patterns and attracting a powerful mentor. Early November is ideal for presenting your business ideas or applying for a higher position.

Singles spark with prospects in December, and relationships have a passionate cycle into the new year.

#### ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your curiosity usually leads you in a terribly interesting direction, but now, the need to know could get you in trouble. This probably won't dissuade you because you want the

truth at any cost, and you can't be blamed for that TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You may feel a little disconnected

#### from reality, which is simply because you're in a state of overload. The remedy is not to do less but to add more to your plate. This forces you to prioritize and focus

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You may find yourself saying "no" a hundred times - vou're not being negative. Rather, you are figuring out what you really want by process of elimination. Drama builds in a love relationship. This is the stuff soap operas are built on.

#### CANCER (June 22-July 22).

You'll be magnetically drawn to what teaches you more about life. It's a challenge to get a group of people organized toward one task, but you're the one who is able to get others in a cooperative mood, so take the lead.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're a detective, ferreting out the true motivations of others - seemingly

illogical behaviors are clever disguises that you see right through. Use one of your well-timed entrances to make an impression on someone tonight.

#### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

Keep your imagination in check. In your mind, you've built what seems like a monstrous obstacle to the success of a relationship. In actuality, this problem can probably be handled in one courageous phone

#### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You get instant respect if you can set standards and stick to them. An adversary may

offer you a direct challenge, and you'll probably win if you accept, but is it worth it? Time away from it all is what you need tonight.

#### SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If you believe in magic, it happens. You'll get a platform to speak your wishes and state your cause. You have lots of fans; at least one is in high position. Make sure there is plenty of time for fun interaction with your family

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Feeling affectionate, you attract those who need to be cuddled and coddled. Since you are currently blinded by a potential sweetheart's attractiveness, don't make rash choices. Dance by yourself tonight.

#### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19). Parents are on your mind heal old wounds by being the first to forgive. You may be called on to defend someone. Give up on normally strict relationship requirements Friends show you in your best light.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). People in your inner circle are the treasures of your life. Informal gatherings are the best. The conversation is interesting, the food is delicious, and everyone takes special care to be charming.

#### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). A romantic encounter turns into an adventure. Travel is indicated. You'll run into key people who are receptive to your playful energy. Singles find love on the go. Taurus and Gemini are the luckiest to nartner with

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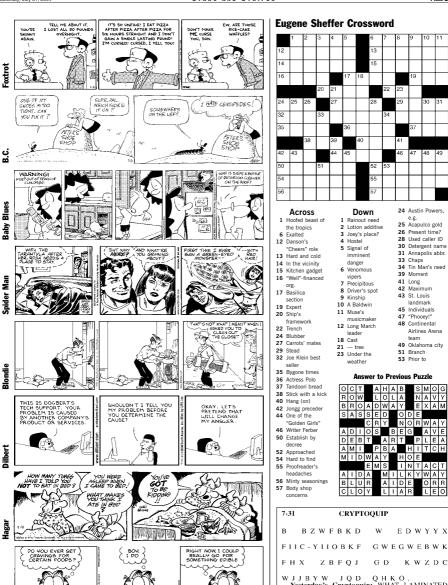








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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: G equals B

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### Mother needs to be responsible JUMBI

Dear Abby: My husband and I are raising our 4-year-old granddaughter, "Nicole." We've had her since she was a year old. Our daughter, "Terri," lives 1,800 miles away and has nothing to do with Nicole The only time we hear from Terri is when she wants

money Terri knows that our upstairs apartment is vacant and now she wants to move in. She's six months pregnant, has no job and no help from the father of the baby. If we allow her to move upstairs, not only will we be paying for the baby, but we'll be raising it, too, while she runs around all day and par ties all night. (That's the reason we have Nicole.) I have said no to her moving back here. She thinks I'm wrong, and so does my husband. When Terri came to visit last Christmas, all we did was fight because of her ways.

becomes very mean and says ugly things in front of Nicole. I'm sad to say this, but I'd rather not have Terri around as an example for the child. Am I wrong? Should I let her come home?

— Torn in Illinois Dear Torn: No. For your own sake, as well as your Dear Abby granddaughter's, do not

allow Terri to move in. Your daughter is an adult and should learn to act like one. If she lives under your roof, she will rule the roost and your husband will continue to side with her. Unless you want to be an unpaid maid and baby sitter, stand your ground

#### Dear Abby: I am 18.

My boyfriend and I have been together for about two years. During that time we have lived together, and we know each other inside and out.

When I told my mother

months ago that we were getting married, she dismissed it. She said she didn't have the money to help out with a wedding. When we told her we had decided to go to a justice of the peace, she said

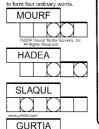
she'd be gone camping that day. I'd really like for my mother to be there. My father died when I was 8, and she's the only parent I have. I love her dearly and can't figure out why she wouldn't want to be there, because I'm her only child. What's your take on this, Abby?

- Hurt and Confused in Oregon Dear Confused: That's a question you should be asking your mother. She may have concerns because you are marrying so voung. Or she may not approve of your boyfriend. But you will never know the answer unless you ask your mother how she feels about your plans. Please don't wait to do it.

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#### THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

Unscramble these four Jumbles. one letter to each square



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### Check up on private caregivers

Dear Annie: I am a private caregiver, and my clients are wonderful

If she doesn't get her way, she

One of my clients is in a very upscale senior retirement home. In the past year, I've become aware of another caregiver who is not doing her iob. This woman leaves her client alone for hours while she goes off and does her own thing. Once while the caregiver was away, her client fell and sustained a serious injury to her back. The caregiver lied to the clients' family and said it was a simple accident.

This caregiver is self-employed and answers to no one Please. Annie, remind neonle to check things out thoroughly when something happens to a loved one and to make sure the caregiver is doing his or her job. I see what really goes on, but my hands are tied. Thank you.

— Anonymous in Bellevue, Wash



your hands and help this woman. Talk to an administrator at the retirement home. It is very likely that the home faces some liability if the woman falls "by accident" too many times. Your name does not have to be mentioned for the staff to alert the family to

Dear Bellevue: Untie

investigate the circum stances of the fall more thorough-

Also, every state has an ombudsman program where you can lodge complaints anonymously. Check with your local county Area Agency on Aging or the Eldercare locator hotline at 1-800-677-1116 (eldercare.gov).

Dear Annie: This is in response to "C.A.," whose husband had a cell phone affair. It was not until after my husband of 15 vears filed for divorce that I discovered the extent of his cell phone and text-messaging affair

He always paid our cell phone bills, and I never had any reason to check them. He had a dispute with the phone company, and when a copy of the invoice came,

In one month, he called this woman 70 times on her cell phone and 22 times at work. My husband said she was just a friend. Do I have "stupid" written on my forehead? I do not call my best friend this many times in one month

I saw it.

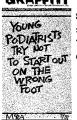
I, too, would like to know if this is becoming a trend. What type of person has an affair like this when it destroys families?

Dear Heidi: The same type of person who has an affair without the cell phone. New technology has certainly made it easier to sneak around.

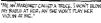
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Columbus	6	5	6	24	18	18
D.C. United	5	7	6	21	24	28
Chicago	4	8	7	19	19	24
New England	4	8	6	18	22	28
Western Conference						
Los Angeles	9	5	6	33	35	28
Kansas City	9	5	5	32	28	18
Colorado	6	5	8	26	16	17
Dallas	6	7	5	23	23	25
San Jose	5	6	6	21	28	26
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### Golf

Women's British Open Thursday
At The Old Course at Sunningdale
Sunningdale, England
Purse: \$1.6 million
Yardage: 6,392; Par: 72 (36-36)
First Round
a-amateur

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Jung Yeon Lee
Catriona Matthew
Annika Sorenstam
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U.S. Senior Open Thursday
At Bellerive Country Club
St. Louis
Purse: \$2.6 million
Yardage: 7,117; Par: 71 (36-35)

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Graham Marsh
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At Warwick Hills Golf and Country
Grand Blanc, Mich.
Purse: \$4.5 million
Yardage: 7,127; Par: 72 (36-36)

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### TANK MCNAMARA





Two days after he was cut by the Tennessee Titans, running back Eddie George, left, was signed to an incentive-heavy deal by the Cowboys.

# **Great:** Adding RB George strengthened backfield

GREAT, FROM BACK PAGE

The Cowboys made a late splashy move, signing running back Eddie George to a one-year, incentive-filled deal. To cash in, he'll have to beat out second-round pick Julius Jones, who is trying to become Dallas' first rookie starter at running back since NFL career rushing leader Emmitt Smith 14 years ago.

Quincy Carter started all 16 games at quarterback last year, but Testaverde expects a chance to start while serving as a mentor to Carter, Henson and Tony Romo.

"[Quincy] earned the starting job here last year. He was the best guy at that position last year," Parcells said. "I play that best guy. They all know that. They have been told that. It's not shrouded in secrecy."

Chad Hutchinson eliminated himself by playing poorly in NFL Europe and was released. The former pro pitcher went 2-7 after becoming the starter midway through 2002, but lost the job to Carter after Parcells arrived.

Johnson is the possession-type receiver the Cowboys have missed since Michael Irvin was forced into retirement by injury five years ago. After some contentious times in Tampa Bay, and being deactivated by the Buccaneers before last season ended, Johnson is ready to play again for Parcells.

"Once I got away from that situation, it was kind of like, have a good time, have fun again," Johnson said. "He [Parcells] is the only head coach that I like to play for."

Prevential Pro Bowl offensive lineman Larry Allen didn't enjoy his first season for Parcells, often clashing with the coach and being singled out for his poor conditioning. Allen was even on the trading block and not part of offseason workouts until he got in better share.

Antonio Bryant remains, even after being kicked out of a June workout when he threw his jersey into Parcells' face. Parcells hasn't publicly addressed the issue but didn't cut the young receiver, who was upset about his lack of work behind Johnson and Terry Glenn





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Bryant met Monday with Parcells and team owner Jerry Jones, and went to camp with the

The NFL's top-ranked defense hopes to solve its biggest weakness with the addition of Wiley (41 career sacks)

"I think it can be real beneficial, helping each other," said defensive end Greg Ellis, who had a team-high eight sacks last year. "If we can do what we did last year and improve, we've got a lot of good chances to get to the quar-

terback.

Linebacker Dexter Coaldey
Andehis third Pro Bowl last season but found himself behind second-year player Bradie James
during a minicamp. That doesn't
mean Coaldey won't start, but Parcells likes the 243-pound James,
who impressed on special teams
as a motive

The secondary, already questionable at cornerback, sustained a blow when Darren Woodson had surgery this week to remove a ruptured disc from his back. The 13th-year safety will be out up to eight weeks, and won't be back until after the start of the

The Cowboys' last two camps were inside San Antonio's Alamodome, but they were summertime regulars in California before moving back home in 1990. They spent a couple of weeks in Oxnard three years ago to get away from the suffocating heat of Wichies II.

But there is no place for players to go to escape Parcells' heat.

### **Browns make offer to Winslow**

### Deal would make No. 6 pick NFL's richest tight end

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BY TOM WITHERS

BEREA, Ohio — The Cleveland Browns want to make rookie Kellen Winslow Jr. the highest paid tight end in NFL history.

The club has offered Winslow, the No. 6 overall pick in last April's draft, a contract that would exceed the \$31 million deal Kansas City's Tony Gonza-

lez signed before the 2002 season.
Gonzalez's deal included a \$10
million signing bonus, the most
ever given to a tight end.

In an unusual move designed to put pressure on Windsow's agent, Kevin Poston, the Browns released a statement two hours before the club opened training camp to announce that they had made their 'best offer' to the former University of Miami star. Teams almost never disclose contract figures — even after the

The Browns publicly provided the framework for negotiations.

They said their deal matches the seven-year, \$18 million contract safety Sean Taylor, the No. 5 overall pick and Winslow's former college teammate, signed this week with the Washington Redskins.

Taylor received a \$7.2 million signing bonus and a total package that could exceed \$13 million in guaranteed compensation.

"Given the close personal and competitive relationship between Kellen and Sean Taylor, as well as

their equal talent level on different sides of the football, we did not want to penalize Kellen for being picked one slot below his former teammate." Browns President John Collins said in the statement. "Faced with the opportunity to get Kellen in camp on time, we made our best offer."

Kevin Poston and his brother Carl have a reputation for demanding the most for their clients. The Redskins announced before the draft they would not

take Winslow because he was represented by the Postons.

In their statement, the Browns said they examined Gonzalez's deal. It said their offer "provides Kellen Winslow the opportunity to far exceed Gonzalez' compensation." The Browns have had negotiations with Poston all week. The sides had face-to-face talks on Wednesday at the team's head-quarters.

At the time, coach Butch Davis said the club would not negotiate in the media, but that is exactly where things have gone.

The Browns traded a second-round pick to Detroit and moved up one spot from No. 7 to No. 6 so they could select Winslow, the son of Hall of Famer Kellen Winslow

Cleveland's last three first-round picks — center Jeff Faine, running back William Green and defensive tackle Gerard Warren — briefly held out of camp before signing.

The Browns fear that if Poston rejects their offer, Winslow's holdout could be lengthy.

### Raiders sign top pick Gallery

The Associated Press

NAPA, Calif. — Offensive tackle Robert Gallery, the second overall pick in the NFL Draft, signed a seven-year contract with the Oakland Raiders on Thurs-

A source familiar with the negotiations, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the deal could pay Gallery as much as \$18.5 million in guaranteed money and \$60 million over the life of the con-

tract.

The Raiders did not release details of the contract and would not confirm salary figures.

Gallery was to be in uniform when the Raiders opened training camp Friday morning.

"It was very important. For me to do the best job I can and do the things I wanted to do, I had to be here on the first day." Gallery said. "I went through the whole process and knew kind of where I stood. Signing your name under those numbers kind of took my breath away and I was kind of shaky signing my contract."

Gallery already bought a home in the East Bay area. He has never seen this kind of money, pointing out that his father once paid him for a week of working on

the family farm.

"I've had more debt than I've had transactions in my favor,"
Gallery said.

Gallery, who played at Iowa, is considered the best offensive line prospect since Orlando Pace went No. 1 overall to St. Louis in 1997. And he's expected to compete for a starting job right away at left tackle.



"Obviously, you draft a guy with the second pick and those are your hopes, that he can come in and do those kinds of things," coach Norv Turner said. "Robert was extremely impressive in our spring work."

The Raiders received several trade offers leading up to their pick, but were much more interested in getting the 6-foot-7, 323-pound Gallery for them-

#### Cowboys sign top pick Jones, fourth-round CB Thornton

OXNARD, Calif. — The Dallas Cowboys agreed to a six-year deal Thursday with running back Julius Jones.

The former Notre Dame star, the Cowboys' first pick, got a \$1.8 million signing bonus, and the last two years of his deal are voidable. He was chosen in the second

round with the 43rd overall pick.
"I'm just happy we got it done
in time," Jones said. "I'm glad to
be here and now I'm ready to go."

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Dallas also signed cornerback
Bruce Thornton, a fourth-round
pick. The only remaining unsigned draft choice is offensive
lineman Jacob Rogers, another
second-rounder.

Jones was the fourth running back drafted. He was expected to be the starter until Eddie George was signed last week. They will compete for the job in training

In other NFL news:

■ The New York Jets signed their remaining four draft picks Thursday: third-round selection Derrick Strait, fourth-rounders Jerricho Cotchery and Adrian Jones, and sixth-rounder Marko

Strait won the Jim Thorpes Award as the nation's top defensive back and the Bronko Nagurssive back and the Bronko Nagurssive player last year at Oklahoma. He had 264 tackles, 14 career interceptions for 397 yards and three touchdowns, seven forcede fumbles and six fumble recoveries in bis carreer.

Cotchery, the 108th overall pick, broke North Carolina State career records with 200 catches

and 15 100-yard receiving games.
Jones, from Kansas, was the
first of two offensive tackles the
Jets took in the draft, the other
being Cavka from Sacramento

■ The Detroit Lions on Thursday signed cornerback Keith Smith and linebacker Alex Lewis, their respective third- and fifth-round draft choices, to

three-year contracts.
Additional terms weren't dis-

Additional terms weren't disclosed.

The Cincinnati Bengals

signed quarterback Casey Bramlet, their seventh-round draft pick this year, to a three-year contract on Thursday.

Bramlet started three years at Wyoming and set school records for completions (767), passing yards (9,684) and touchdown passes (56).

The Bengals also signed cornerback James Allen, a rookie free agent from Brigham Young, to a one-year contract.

### **Judge in Bryant case apologizes** for releasing sealed information

BY JON SARCHE The Associated Press

EAGLE Colo - With the parents of the alleged victim in the courtroom, the judge in the Kobe Bryant sexual assault case apologized Friday for court mistakes that led to the release of sealed information.

During the brief public hearing, District Judge Terry Ruckriegle told the parents he would treat the mistakes as a learning expe-

"For all of those who come through these doors, victims and defendants alike, who names are never known and never sought, I can only assure you I have learned lessons from these mistakes, and that we will give our best human effort not to let it hap-pen again," he said.

Then he looked directly at the parents of the 20-year-old accuser and said, "Again, I apologize." They nodded in response.

The hearing, one of two scheduled be-fore the trial begins Aug. 27, came one day after Ruckriegle released an edited transcript from a closed-door hearing in June in which defense attorneys claimed the woman was pursuing the case in part be cause she has received nearly \$20,000 from a state victims' compensation fund.

Bryant has pleaded not guilty to a felony sexual assault charge, saying he had con-sensual sex with a 19-year-old employee of the Vail-area resort where he stayed last summer. If convicted, the Los Angeles Lakers star faces four years to life in prison or 20 years to life on probation, and a fine up to \$750,000

Scheduled for discussion behind closed doors later Friday were requests by Bryant's attorneys to keep his tape-recorded statements to investigators under seal until trial and to limit the prosecution's use of those statements

Legal experts have speculated the defense might want to keep embarrassing, but not necessarily incriminating, statements out of the trial.

During the public portion of the hearing the prosecution and defense said they had agreed on how to use DNA evidence ob tained from Bryant during a hospital exam after the alleged attack last summer.

Ruckriegle said the agreement generally means either side could introduce the evi dence at any point. Prosecutor Ingrid Bakke later said the only DNA evidence she plans to use was from the alleged victim's blood found on Bryant's T-shirt.

The DNA evidence collected from Bry ant was thrown out this month as part of a larger defense request, but the defense now wants the exam results admitted be-cause they presumably bolster their contention the accuser had sex with som after Bryant and before she went to the hos-

pital. Her attorney has denied that claim. The hospital exam evidence was outlined in a sealed court order accidentally posted

on a state court Web site earlier this week. In the edited transcript released Thurs day, defense attorney Pamela Mackey said that the woman received more than \$17,000 in compensation for mental health care, far above the state cap of \$1,125 for such treatment. She also said the woman re ceived \$2,300 in lost wages, and suggested the money was provided as an incentive to

continue participation in the case.

Mackey also said the woman would have to reimburse the fund if she was found to have lied - even more reason to press forward with the case

"Miss [redacted] has profited to an enormous amount, \$20,000, which I would sus pect to most people in this county is a lot of money, most of our jurors, and she has done that on the basis of a false allegation and has persisted in that false allegation,' she said

An attorney for the woman, John Clune, called Mackey's arguments "nothing more than tabloid accusations, which are filled with inaccurate information." He declined

# Singh singes Warwick Hills

GRAND BLANC, Mich. - Vijay Singh and Olin Browne switched putters recently and they had the best two scores Thursday in the Buick Open.

Golf roundup

Singh shot 9-under 63 to take the first-round lead, one shot ahead of Browne and four in front of Tiger Woods.

Singh used a standard putter after using a belly

'I'm a great chipper and a good bunker player, but if you keep missing [short putts], that kind of eats into your game," he said. "And you put so much pressure into going for the flags that whenever you make a mistake, it's a bogey

The 1997 Buick Open champion from Fiji had eight straight 3s — five birdies, an eagle and two pars — between Nos. 8-15 at Warwick Hills

Singh was two shots short of the tournament record. Browne said he changed his putter to one of standard length last week in the U.S. Bank Championship in Milwankee and came away with a season-best finish: a

tie for fourth. "Sometimes a change is good just for the sake of change, you know what I mean?" he asked. "As op-posed to beating your head against the wall in the same spot all the time, move to a different spot."

Browne's 64 matched his low round of the year. He has just two top-10 finishes

in 19 events this year.

### Stupples retains lead in Women's British Open

SUNNINGDALE, England — Karen Stupples compiled another bogey-free round for a 2-under 70 in the Women's British Open on Friday to take an early three-stroke lead

After her first-round 65 at Sun-ningdale's Old Course, Stupples' score of 135 ties the 36-hole tournament record for a par-72 course. She shares the mark with Karrie Webb. South Korea's Jeong Jang carded a 68

for 138 with Laura Davies and Laura Diaz shooting 69 for 139. Another Korean, Jung Yeon Lee remained 5-under for the tournament after an even-par 72, tied with Australia's Rachel Teske (69). Defending champ Annika Sorenstam

started five strokes off the lead but made birdie on the first two holes

#### in Senior U.S. Open ST. LOUIS - Peter Jacob

sen, still rehabbing from arthroscopic hip surgery, shot 6-under 65 to take the first-round lead in the U.S. Senior Open.

Craig Stadler had a bogev-free round and was second at 5-under.

St. Louis-area native Jay Haas birdied the final two holes to shoot 67

Seven players had 68, in-cluding Gil Morgan, the leading money-winner on the Champions Tour. Tom Kite was among a group of

### Salary-shedding Nets send Kittles to Clippers

The Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. - Kerry Kittles was traded to the Los Angeles Clippers for a second-round draft pick Thursday, another step in the dismantling of the New Jersev Nets

Kittles is the second starter to leave the Nets this month: Power forward Kenvon Martin went to the Denver Nuggets for three first-round draft choices.

Trying to fill the void left by Kittles, who spent eight years with the Nets, the club signed free agent guards Jacque Vaughn and Rodney Buford.

"We're going to try to win every game we can," Nets CEO Rod Thorn said. "We as an organization want to be monetarily responsible. When you look at our position, we can have some money and also have as good, if not a better team, than we were going to have the other way. Kittles, who is in the final year

of his contract, has mixed emotions about leaving New Jersey. "I've been there my whole ca-

reer, had a good run, been to the finals twice, and had great team-mates," he said in a conference "Now I'm looking forward to getting on with my career."
Kittles has averaged



points, 2.6 assists and 3.9 rebounds a game during his career Last season. Kittles averaged 13.1 points and 4 rebounds.

#### Boozer officially joins Jazz

SALT LAKE CITY - Carlos Boozer's agreement to a \$68 mil-lion offer from the Utah Jazz and the furor it caused in Cleveland, where the Cavaliers claimed to have a handshake agreement the third-year forward, ended Thursday night.

There was no commitment It's unfortunate how the turn of events went through the media, Boozer said before he was to sign a six-year deal with the Jazz. Cleveland had the right to match the Jazz's offer until late

Thursday, but didn't have the money or desire.

#### Raptors to keep Peterson

NEW ORLEANS Peterson will stay with the Toron-to Raptors, who are matching New Orleans' three-year, \$15 mil-lion offer sheet, Hornets GM Allan Bristow said Friday.

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# **D-backs brace for future without Big Unit**

### Johnson subject of trade rumors as deadline nears

BY JOEL ANDERSON The Associated Press

HOUSTON - Randy Johnson was one of the last players to leave the visitors' clubhouse Thursday, slowly gathering his luggage before boarding a bus headed for the airport.

The Arizona Diamondbacks' flight was destined for Denver. Where the Big Unit goes from there is anyone's guess

"You guys heard anything?" Diamondbacks manager Pedrique asked a few reporters before Arizona's 6-4 win over Houston. "My phone hasn't rang yet

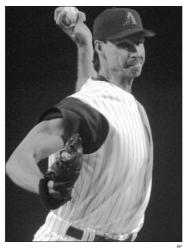
As Saturday's trade deadline approaches, Pedrique has spent lots of time waiting for a call that he hopes never comes: the one bringing news of a trade that sends Johnson from the team with which he's played six years and was co-MVP of its World Series win over the Yankees in

Johnson is scheduled to start against Colorado on Friday night. Pedrique is optimistic that his 6-foot-10 ace will still be with the team at game time.

"He's starting tomorrow,
said, "and batting tomorrow." Pedrique The five-time Cy Young Award

winner has been the subject of numerous trade rumors as Arizona continues its march to the worst

record in baseball. The New York Yankees are the



The Arizona Diamondbacks aren't sure whether ace Randy Johnson will be with the team after his scheduled start at Colorado on Friday night.

clear front-runners to make a deal for Johnson, but they lack the minor league prospects that Arizona is believed to want in return and may have to find a third team to make it work. Anaheim. Boston and Los Angeles are other

possible candidates Johnson, who has a no-trade

clause in his contract, would prefer to go only to a place that has a chance to win the World Series. The 40-year-old left-hander is making \$16 million this season

final year of his deal. He said he doesn't want a new contract as part of waving his rights to block a trade

Regardless, for whatever reason, nothing has happened since Johnson acknowledged two weeks ago during the All-Star break that he'd be willing to be traded to a contender.

Johnson has since grown tired of the trade talk.

"I'm not talking about any of that stuff, OK?" Johnson said Thursday. "I'll talk on the day I pitch, after the game - and only about the game.

The Big Unit has been stewing around the clubhouse the past few days, talking in hushed tones into his cell phone or not talking

It's not hard to understand why Johnson might want out of Phoe-

The Diamondbacks are in the midst of their worst season since their expansion campaign in 1998 losing 16 of their past 18 including a club-record 14 consecutive losses. The team fired manager Bob Brenly earlier this month and replaced him with Pedrique, the third base coach.

Regardless, the team has struggled to overcome placing 18 players on the disabled list this season, most in the majors. Star slugger Luis Gonzalez announced Thursday that he'll have season-ending ligament replacement surgery Monday.

Many of the Diamondbacks acknowledge that the trade speculation has affected the team

"It affects everybody. We're all human," Tracy said. "It's just a matter of how much you let it

Meanwhile, the Yankees hav contributed to the buzz by having a scout follow the Diamondbacks and Johnson to Houston, even though he wasn't scheduled to pitch during the four-game se-

Yankees General Manager Brian Cashman was careful not to mention Johnson or anyone else by name when discussing potential trades in New York on Thursday, careful to not breach the league's tampering rules

"If the deadline ended today, I don't see us doing anything, Cashman said.

New York, however, has made no secret of its need for more pitching in its quest for the World Series. Manager Joe Torre pointed out that several of the Yankees' starters, including Mike Mussina and Kevin Brown, have been hurt this season.

"If we add another starter it gives us insurance," Torre said.

The addition of someone like Johnson could make the Yankees. who already have the AL's best record, even more formidable in

Johnson leads the majors in strikeouts (174), ranks third in opnonents' hatting average (191) and fourth in ERA (2.68). He's pitched three complete games and a perfect game against Atlanta on May 18. His record would almost certainly be better than 10-8 if he had more support in the bullpen and from the league's fourth-worst offense

"You would hate to lose a guy like him," Pedrique said. "For myself, though, I have to anticipate that's it going to happen."







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### Report: Hull close to joining Stars

DALLAS - The Dallas Stars have reportedly increased their offer to free agent Brett Hull to



more than \$2 million one season. Sources told the Fort Worth

Star-Tele-

gram and The Dallas Morning News in Friday's editions that Hull is close to agreeing to terms on the pact.

The Stars first talked to their

former All-Star wing about returning for a one-year contract for approximately \$1 million, according to the Star-Telegram. But Phoenix reportedly has offered Hull two years at more than \$2 million per season with the second year not guaranteed. It would kick in if Hull met performance

A deal would reunite Hull with former linemates Mike Modano and Jere Lehtinen, with whom he played for most of his three-year tenure in Dallas.

Hull, who will turn 40 next month, had 25 goals and 68 points last season for Detroit. He ranks third in career goals with 741.

trailing only former Red Wings great Gordie Howe (801) and Wayne Gretzky (894).

#### Blues re-sign Pronger for one year, \$10 million

ST. LOUIS - The St. Louis re-signed restricted free-agent defenseman Chris Pronger to a one-year, \$10 million contract Friday.

Pronger accepted the team's \$9.5 million qualifying offer and will get a \$500.000 signing bonus. Blues General Manager Larry Pleau said.

Pleau said the Blues talked with Pronger about a possible long-term deal, but deferred because of uncertainty about labor issues. The collective bargaining agreement with the players' association expires Sept. 15.

"It was a question of what would the landscape look like. The uncertainty put both sides in a peculiar position." Pleau said.

Both sides have spent a lot of time talking about it. Our eyes and ears are onen

Pronger had 14 goals and 40 assists in 80 games last season, a year after wrist and knee injuries kept him out of all but five games. Pronger, entering his 10th

NHL season, won the Norris Trophy (best defenseman) and Hart Trophy (league MVP) in 2000.

#### Colorado's Barnett called before a grand jury

DENVER - Colorado football coach Gary Barnett was called Friday to appear before a grand jury investigating his program's recruiting practices. Barnett did not immediately go

before the panel. He wouldn't comment to reporters. He was suspended in February

for comments he made about two women who accused football players of rane, then was reinstated in May after an investigative panel concluded he shouldn't be fired. The grand jury investigation is

the first indication criminal charges could be filed in a scandal that led to sweeping changes in the football recruiting program and a scathing review of university lead-At the governor's request, Attor-

ney General Ken Salazar's office has been investigating. Salazar already decided against filing assault charges on allegations in-volving nine women dating to 1997, citing concerns about the evidence and the reluctance of the women to go ahead with the cases

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CHammond	2	1	0	0	1 2	
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Bradford W.5-4	11/2	0	0	0	0	
Dotel S.7	1	2	1	1	0	
Texas						
Dickey	32/2	7	5	5	3	
Mahay	31/2	1	5			
Almanzar L.7-2	1	2	1	1	0	
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#### Mariners 6, Angels 5 (13) SEATTLE ANAHEIM abrhbi

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Anaheim E—Spiezio	(8), Jo	001 110 Cabrera	(4), E	000 P-/	ana-
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Ibanez If Jobsen dh	702	VGren JGiller	orf If	61	2 1
Winn cf BBoone 2b	713	Figgin GAnds	n cf	6 0 5 0	10
ISUZUKI FI		ECKSU			2 0

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(22), BMolina (8).	IP	н	RE	RI	вв	SI
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Putz Guardado	2	2	2	2	2	
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#### AL leaders

BATTING—IRodriquez, Detroit, .352; ISuzu-
i, Seattle, .341; Mora, Baltimore, .340; VGuer
ero, Anaheim, .336; MYoung, Texas, .327
MRamirez, Boston, .327; CGuillen, Detroit
326.
RUNS-VGuerrero, Anaheim, 80; Damon
oston, 80; CGuillen, Detroit, 77; Lawton
leveland, 76; Sheffield, New York, 75; MYo-
ng, Texas, 74; Crawford, Tampa Bay, 73.
RBI-Tejada, Baltimore, 94; DOrtiz, Boston
1; MRamirez, Boston, 82; VGuerrero, Ana-
eim, 81; VMartinez, Cleveland, 78; THafner
leveland, 76; CGuillen, Detroit, 76; JGuillen
naheim, 76.
HITS-ISuzuki, Seattle, 148; MYoung
exas, 144; Crawford, Tampa Bay, 130
Guerrero, Anaheim, 130; Tejada, Baltimore
28; IRodriguez, Detroit, 127; CGuillen, De-

128: IRodríguez, Detroit, 127; CGuillen, De- troit, 126.
DOUBLES-DOrtiz, Boston, 34: THafner,
Cleveland, 32; BRoberts, Baltimore, 30; Bel- liard, Cleveland, 30; MRamirez, Boston, 30;
VGuerrero, Anaheim, 29; CGuillen, Detroit,
28.
TRIPLES-Crawford, Tampa Bay, 16; Fig-
gins, Anaheim, 13; CGuillen, Detroit, 9; JoCruz, Tampa Bay, 7; Infante, Detroit, 6; MY-
oung, Texas, 6: Winn, Seattle, 5: Lofton, New
York, 5.
HOME RUNS-DOrtiz, Boston, 27; Konerko,
Chicago, 27; MRamirez, Boston, 27; ARodrigu-
ez, New York, 25; Blalock, Texas, 24; Teixelra, Texas, 24; Valentin, Chicago, 22; Sheffield.
New York, 22.
STOLEN BASES-Crawford, Tampa Bay, 43;
ISuzuki, Seattle, 26; BRoberts, Baltimore, 25;
Figgins, Anaheim, 21; ARodriguez, New York,

18.	
PITCHING (11 Decisions)—Mulder, O.	ak.
land, 14-3, .824, 3.43; ClLee, Cleveland, 10	)-3.
.769, 4.65; Rogers, Texas, 13-4, .765, 4,	20:
PMartinez, Boston, 11-4, .733, 4,15; JRino	on
Minnesota, 8-3, .727, 2.58; Buehrle, Chica	ao
10-4, .714, 3.93; Schilling, Boston, 12-5, .7	06
3.46.	
STRIKEOUTS-Santana, Minnesota, 1	61:
PMartinez, Boston, 132; Schilling, Bost	on.
130: FGarcia, Chicago, 123: Pineiro, Seat	tle.

STRIKEOUTS—Santana, Minnesota, 161:
PMartinez, Boston, 132; Schilling, Boston,
130; FGarcia, Chicago, 123; Pineiro, Seattle,
111: Zambrano, Tampa Bay, 109: JVazquez.
New York, 108; KEscobar, Anaheim, 108.
SAVES-MRivera, New York, 35; FCordero.
Texas, 30; Nathan, Minnesota, 28; DBaez,
Tampa Bay, 20; Guardado, Seattle, 18; Per-
cival, Anaheim, 17: Foulke, Boston, 16: Urbi-
na, Detroit, 16.

#### **National League** East Division W L Pct GI 55 46 .545 52 50 .510 3 52 50 .510 3 49 52 .485 6 39 63 .382 16 Atlanta Florida Philadelphia New York Montreal vision 65 36 55 47 51 51 50 52 49 52 48 52 St. Louis Chicago Houston .644 .539 .500 Cincinnati Milwaukee Pittsburgh .490 .485 .480 fision 59 42 .584 — 57 45 .559 2½ 56 48 .538 4½ 44 58 .431 15½ 33 71 .317 27½ Los Angeles San Diego San Francisco Colorado Arizona Thursday's ga Thursday's game: Atlanta 3, Pittsburgh 2 N.Y. Mets 10, Montreal 1 Florida 10, Philadelphia 1 Chicago Cubs 4, Milwaukee 0 Arizona 6, Houston 4 Los Angeles 3, Colorado 2 San Diego 7, San Francisco 4 Friday's games Philadelphia at Chicago Cub: Houston at Cincinnati N.Y. Mets at Atlanta Montreal at Florida Pittsburgh at Milwau

Arizona at Colorado	
Los Angeles at San Diego	
St. Louis at San Francisco	
Saturday's games	
Houston (Pettitte 6-4) at Cincinnati (Claus-	
sen 1-0)	
Philadelphia (Millwood 8-6) at Chicago	
Cubs (Clement 8-9)	
Montreal (Patterson 1-2) at Florida	
(A.J.Burnett 2-5)	

rk.r. mets (Heilman 0-0 or Ginter 1-2) at At-lanta (Wright 8-5) Pittsburgh (Benson 8-8) at Milwaukee (San-tos 9-5) Arizona (Webb 4-11) at Colorado (Estes 10-4) Los Angeles (Ishii 11-5) at San Diego (Peavy 7-3)

(Peavy 7-3) St. Louis (Morris 11-6) at San Francisco (Ru-eter 5-R) Sunday's games N.Y. Mets at Atlanta n.y. Mets at Atlanta Houston at Cincinnati Pittsburgh at Milwaukee Philadelphia at Chicago Cubs Montreal at Florida Arizona at Colorado

Los Angeles at San Diego St. Louis at San Francisco

### Thursday

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ATLANTA		PITTSBURGH	
	ab r h bi		ab r h bi
urcal ss	5011	Kendall c	4110
Thmas If		JWilsn ss	4110
Jones cf		Mckwk rf	2012
Drew cf	5000	CWilsn 1b	4010
CJones 3b	1000		4000
Estda c		TRdmn cf	3020
DeRosa pr			3000
smoltz p	0000	Castillo 2b	3000
roche 1b	2000	Fogg p	2000
luFrco 1b	2010	Grabow p	0000
Mrrero rf	4211	Mdows p	0000
NGreen 2b		Gnzalez p	0000
Thmsn p	1000	STorres p	0000
MGiles ph		Hill ph	1000
Alfnsca p		Mesa p	0000
luCruz p	0000		
ddPrz c	0000		
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uCruz W.3-0	1	0	0	0	0	1					
moltz S.23	1	0	0	0	0	0					
ittsburgh											
ogg	52/2	5	1	1	3	2					
Srabow	1/2	0	0	0	0	0					
//eadows	2/2	1	0	0	0	0					
Sonzalez	1/2	0	0	0	0	0					

#### Mets 10, Expos 1

NEW YORK	ah r h bi	MONTREAL	ab r h b
			aprnp
Matsui ss	5010	EChvez cf	5010
Zeile 1b		OCbera ss	3 1 1 0
Piazza c		Carroll ss	1000
VWilsn c	0 0 0 0	Vidro 2b	3 0 1 0
Hidalgo rf	5111	HMateo 2b	2000
Waantn 2b		TBtsta 3b	3000
Wheelr p	0000	JRivra rf	4011
Cmeron cf	3 4 2 3	NJhnsn 1b	3000
Valent If	4 3 4 3	Sledge If	4000
Wright 3b	4121		3020
Leiter p	4000	Biddle p	100
Flciano p	0000	SKim p	0000
McEwg 2b	1000	Wlkrsn ph	1000
		Crcran p	0000
		Cllway ph	1000
		Vargas p	0000
		Schndr ph	0000
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Montreal			000-
E-Matsui (22). DP-Mor	ntreal	1. LC	B-Ne
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(10), Wright 2 (3), Vidro	(21),	JRive	era (14
EDiaz (3). 3B-Valent (2).	HR-	Hidal	lgo (17
Cameron 2 (20), Valent	(6). 5	B-0	amero

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New York						
Leiter W,7-3	6	3	1	1	2	1
Feliciano	1	2	0	0	1	2
Wheeler	2	1	0	0	1	2
Montreal						
Biddle L.2-5	3	7	5	5	2	2
SKim	2	2	2	2	2	- 4
Corcoran	2	3	2	2	0	2
Vargas	2	2	1	1	2	0
HBP-by V	argas (Mats	ui), by	/ Leit	er (	TBa	tis-
	(im, Vargas	T-1	3:13.	A-	-20,	042
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					Pierre cf	
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					Easley 2b	
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					Nunez rf	
Mchels cf	3	0	0	0	Conine If	3 2 2 2
					LHarrs If	
					Choi 1b	
Abbtt p	0	0	0	0	AGnziz ss	4225
Geary p	1	0	0	0	Rdmnd c	4011
Incock p	0	0	0	0	Willis p	4010
					Koch p	0000
3Powll p						
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lorida						00x-10
DP-Phila	delp	hi	a	1,	Florida 1. LC	B-Phila-

delphia 4, Florida 6. 2B - Burrell (16), ToPerez

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7	5	1	1	0	5
2	0	0	0	1	0
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#### Diamondbacks 6, Astros 4

ARIZONA	HOUSTON	
	ab r h bi	ab r h bi
McCkn rf	4 1 2 0 Biggio If	5 3 3 1
Tracy 3b	5 1 2 0 AEvrtt ss	4110
SFinley cf	4 1 0 0 CBeltrn cf	4011
LGnzlz If	5 2 2 1 Brkmn rf	4001
Hinbrn 1b	5 1 3 3 JKent 2b	3000
Cintron ss	5 0 3 1 Bgwell 1b	4020
Hirston 2b	4 0 0 0 Ensbrg 3b	4010
Kplove p	0 0 0 0 RChavz c	3010
Baerga ph		1000
Aquino p	0 0 0 0 Rdding p	2000
Brito c	4 0 0 0 Gallo p	0000
Crmier p	3 0 1 0 OPImro ph	
RAImr 2b	1 0 0 0 Hrvlle p	
	Lidge p	0000
	Lamb ph	1000
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E-Hairston (4).							
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en (4), Tracy (19)	, Biggio	2 (2	8). I	HR-	Hill	en-	
brand (11), Bigg	io (16).	SB-	·AE\	ere	tt (	12),	
Bagwell (2).							
	IP	н	RE	R I	BB.	SO.	
Arizona							
Cormier W.1-2	6	8	3	2	- 1	5	
Cormier W,1-2 Koplove	6	8	3	0	0	5	

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Cubs 4	, Bre	we	rs	0
(40,950).				^
HBP-by Koplov Redding, PB-Bri	e (JKe	nt).	WP	-CI
Lidge	1	2	0	0
Harville	2	2		0
Gallo		0	0	
Redding L.4-7	52/2	9	6	3
Houston				
Aguino S.2	1	1	1	1
Koplove	2	0	0	0
Cormier W.1-2	6	8	3	2

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DeLee 1b	4	0.1	0	Ovrbay	1h		1 0	0.0
CPttson cf				Grieve			3 0	0 0
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Barrett c				Kschnk			0	
RFMtiz ss				BHall 2			3 0	
Zmbrno p				GBnntt			3 0	
Grdzin 2h				Helms			1 0	
GI UZIII ZU		0 0	٠					
				Hndrck			0 2	
				Burba			0 0	
				BClark			10	
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kee 8, 2E	3-Go	odv	vir	(7).	TW	alker	. 0	16).
kee 8. 2E ARamirez	(27)	odv	vir	(7), isell (1	TŴ:	alker HR-	-55	16).
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kee 8. 2E ARamirez (22). SB—Ci	(27)	odv	vir	i (7), isell (1 14), Cou	TŴa 2). Jnse	alker HR-	' (! -SS(	16), osa
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#### Dodgers 3, Rockies 2 LOS ANGELES COLORADO

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Izturis ss			Miles 2b		0 1	
Cora 2b	501	0	Clayton ss		0.0	
Werth If			Helton 1b		1 1	
Beltre 3b	402	0	Castilla 3b	4	0.0	
Brdley cf	200	0	PrWIsn cf		0.0	
ShGren 1b	502	0	Burnitz rf		0 1	
JEcren rf			Hilliday If		10	
Ross c	3 1 2	2	LWalkr ph	1	0.0	1 6
WAlvrz p			CJhson c		0 1	
Grbwsk ph	101	0	Wright p	1	0.0	1 6
Snchez p			Dhmnn p		0.0	
Drifort p			Brnero p		0.0	
DRbrts ph			MaSwy ph		0.0	
Mota p			Hrkala p	0	0.0	1 6
Gagne p	0 0 0					
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Colorado				110 (		
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ShGreen (21	), Grabo	W	iski (7), CJ	hnsor	) (I	9).

3B—Ross (1). HR—Werth (7), Ross (3), Helton (22). CS—Beltre (2). Burnitz (6). S—Clayton. H RER BB SO Los Angeles WAlvarez W,6-3 5 4 2 2 2 2 6 1 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 2 1/2 0 0 0 1 0 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> 0 0 0 0 2

WAlvarez W,6-3 Sanchez Dreifort Mota Gagne S,30 Colorado Wright Dohmann L,0-1 Bernero Harikkala 

#### Padres 7. Giants 4

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SAN FRANCI	SCO ah	r h l	h:	SAN DIEGO	ab r h bi
Drham 2b				Brrahs 3b	5 0 1 1
Tucker cf				Loretta 2h	3 1 2 0
Feliz 3b				Klesko If	4121
Bonds If	4 :	2 2	2	Otsuka p	0000
				Hffman p	
Przvns c	4 1	0 0	0	Nevin 1b	3 2 2 1
DCruz ss					
Mohr rf	3 1	0 1	0	Long cf	2001
Tomko p				KGreen ss	
FRdgez p	0	0 0	0		3 1 0 0
NPerez ph	1	0 0	0	IValdez p	2110
Evre p	0	0 0	0	Neal p	0000
Correla p	0	0 0	0	Aurilia ph	1000
Chrstns p	0	0 0	0	Lnbrnk p	0000
				Payton cf	
Totals	32	47	4	Totals	30 7 10 6
San Francisc	:0				01 000-4
San Diego				010 0	32 10x-7
E-Tucker	(4).	DP	-	San Francis	co 2, San
Diego 1. LOB	-SE	in F	ra	ncisco 2, Sa	ın Diego 6.
2B-Bonds (	17),	Kle	5k	o (18), Nevi	n (20), BG-

iles 2 (14), 3B-Klesko (2), HR-Durham (10), Bonds (26), SB-Loretta (3), S-Tomko. SF-Long, KGreene.

San Francisco					
Tomko L.5-6	5	8	6	5	2
FRodriguez	1	0	0	0	1
Evre	1	2	1	1	1
Correia	2/2	0	0	0	1
Christiansen	1/2	0	0	0	0
San Diego					
IValdez	51/2	6	4	4	0
Neal W.1-1	2/2	1	0	0	0
Linebrink	1	0	0	0	0
Otsuka	1	0	0	0	0
Hoffman S,28	1	0	0	0	0
Tomko pitched	to 3 b	atte	rs i	n th	ie 6
PB-Pierzynski. T-	2:38. A	-41	,767	(42,	445)

#### **NL** leaders

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ANTINE-Break Ser Francisco. 378Cassey, Chichmati, 327: Herbot. Colerado, 308Cassey, Chichmati, 328Carrio, Anticolor, 328Carrio, Anticolor, 328Carrio, Anticolor, 328Carrio, 328Carrio, 328Carrio, 328Martin, Colorado, 78; Publics, 52Cassey, Colorado, 89; Bernett, Colorado, 78; Publics, 52Carrio, 328Carrio, 328Carrio, 328Martin, Colorado, 78; Publics, 52Cassey, Control, 328Martin, Colorado, 78; Publics, 52Martin, Cortett, San Diego, 128; Pierre, Forther, 108Carrio, 328Martin, Cortett, San Diego, 128; Pierre, Forther, 108Colorado, 78; Cassey, Concionati, 72; Excellent, 78: Thompson, Martin, 128; Pierre, 108Colorado, 78; Cassey, Concionati, 72; Excellent, 108Martin, 208Martin, 108Martin, 108Marti

STOLEN BASES—Podsednik, Milwaukee, 41; DRoberts, Los Angeles, 32; Pierre, Florida, 26; BAbreu, Philadelphia, 26; Freel, Cincinnati, 19; Rollins, Philadelphia, 19; Izturis, Los

And Markett, Press, Perels, Lorico, Andreas, Perels, Lorico, Andreas, Press, Perels, Lorico, Andreas, Perels, Lorico, Andreas, Perels, Lorico, Perels, Perels,

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### Valent sprints for triple to complete cycle

MONTREAL — Needing a triple to se-cure a spot in the New York Mets' record book, Eric Valent lined a pitch into the right-field corner and ran as fast as he



"I didn't know if I was going to be out by a mile or what," he said. "I was just running, and luckily I got in there.

Valent slid safely into third, beating the relay throw from first baseman Nick Johnson, and became the eighth player in Mets history to hit for the cycle in New York's 10-1 victory over the Montreal Expos on Thursday.

"Eric Valent had a whale of a day," Mets manager Art Howe said. "He hit for the cycle. Not too many people can say that they've done that.'

Valent went 4-for-4 with a walk, drove in three runs and scored three times to become the fourth player in the majors this season to hit a single, double, triple and home run in a game, joining Milwaukee's Chad Moeller, Pittsburgh's Daryle Ward and Philadelphia's David Bell. "It's cool," Valent said. "It's tough to do.

You need a lot of luck. It's a nice thing you can say when you're done playing."

Mike Cameron homered twice for the Mets, who split the four-game series.

Valent made his first start in left field since May 30, and had a career day before a crowd of 20,042, second-largest at Olympic Stadium this season

He singled following Cameron's two-run homer off Rocky Biddle (2-5) in the second, and doubled after Cameron's solo shot put the Mets up 5-0 in the third.

Valent tied his career high for hits with a two-run homer off Sun-Woo Kim in the fifth. Valent's RBI triple in the seventh off Roy Corcoran completed the Mets' first cycle since John Olerud on Sept. 11, 1997 - also against the Expos.

Al Leiter (7-3) allowed three hits and one run in six innings, improving to 6-1 in his last 10 starts

Mike Piazza hit a two-run single in the second to cap a four-run outburst and Richard Hidalgo hit his 17th homer in the eighth as the Mets reached double digits in runs for the second time in the series.

Biddle, who began the season as the Expos' closer, allowed seven hits and five runs in three innings.

Marlins 10, Phillies 1: Alex Gonzalez hit his first career grand slam, Dontrelle Willis (8-6) pitched seven innings and host Florida swept Philadelphia at home for the fourth time in a row.

It was the Phillies' 14th consecutive loss in Miami, seven this year. The Marlins are 11-1 against the Phillies this season and have won 23 of the past 26 meetings.

Braves 3, Pirates 2: Rafael Furcal made up for two errors with a go-ahead single in visiting Atlanta's two-run, ninth-inning rally against closer Jose Mesa (2-1).

The Braves won their third in the four-game series and 15th in 20 overall. Juan Cruz (3-0) pitched a perfect eighth



New York's Eric Valent slides into third with a triple to complete the eighth cycle in the history of the Mets. Montreal's Tony Batista leaps to grab a relay throw from the outfield.

for the victory before John Smoltz finished for his 23rd save.

Cubs 4, Brewers 0: Carlos Zambrano (10-6) gave up four hits over eight shutout innings and Sammy Sosa homered.

The visiting Cubs won three of four games in the series that drew 167,109 fans, the majority of them rooting for Chicago.

Diamondbacks 6, Astros 4: Lance Cormier (1-2) got his first major league victory in his third start and Shea Hillenbrand hit a two-run homer to lead visiting

Arizona to just its second win since the All-Star break

Dodgers 3, Rockies 2: David Ross and Jayson Werth homered and Wilson Alvarez (6-3) pitched five innings for visiting Los Angeles. Eric Gagne got the final out in the eighth, and pitched a perfect ninth for his 30th save in 31 chances.

Padres 7, Giants 4: Phil Nevin singled in the go-ahead run in the sixth inning to help the host Padres overcome Barry Bonds' 684th career homer.

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# Rangers headed south in AL West

### Athletics overcome 41/2-game deficit as Texas drops five of six in a week

ARLINGTON. Texas didn't take long for the Oakland Athletics to erase the largest lead of the season in the AL West.

Athletics got another strong outing from their bullpen



hitting by Adam Mel-huse and Eru-biel Durazo to heat the Texas Rangers Thursday night

Oakland moved into first place in the AL West for the first time since July 6. Just last Friday. Texas beat Oakland to take a 41/2-game lead in the division.

The Athletics, who have made a habit of second-half surges in recent years, have reclaimed first place by winning six straight while the Rangers have lost three in a row and five of six. Oakland also improved to 7-3 against Texas this season.

Five A's relievers allowed one run in 62/3 innings. Before Octavio Dotel gave up an RBI double in the ninth, Oakland's bullpen had thrown 20 scoreless innings.

Justin Duchscherer went 12/3 innings, then left when his back tightened. Chris Hammond, Jim Mecir and Chad Bradford (5.4) combined to hold Texas until the offense regained the lead on Melhuse's RBI single in the eighth. Durazo added a sacrifice fly in the ninth

bullpen really came through," said Oakland's Mark McLemore, who drove in three runs and hit his first homer since May 23, 2003, "Everyone who came in did what they wanted to

Dotel struck out David Dellucci looking with the tying run on second in the ninth inning for his seventh save since joining the A's

It was a great way for Oakland to open a four-game series against the team that has led the division for nearly a month. The Rangers aren't panicking.

"it's still July, as far as I'm con-cerned, and there's no need to be discouraged," Rangers shortstop Michael Young said. "We've gone through some rough stretches this year and we've bounced back from every one of these and got-ten better. This won't be any dif-

The A's went ahead in the eighth when Durazo doubled off Carlos Almanzar (7-2). After a 32-minute rain delay, Almanzar scored on Melhuse's bloop single into short center field.

In other AL games Thursday:

Mariners 6, Angels 5 (13): Ichiro Suzuki had a career-high five hits and scored the winning run on Bret Boone's single in the 13th inning to snap Seattle's club-record 15-game road losing

Suzuki, who extended his hitting streak to 21 games, doubled against rookie Kevin Gregg (3-1) in the 13th and scored on Boone's two-out single.

Anaheim's Rengie Molina tied it in the ninth with a two-run homer off closer Eddie Guarda-

Bobby Madritsch (2-0) allowed



Seattle Mariners left-hander Ron Villone unleashes a pitch against the Anaheim Angels during the first inning of Thursday night's game.

four hits over four scoreless innings in his third big-league appearance for Seattle.

Orioles 9. Yankees 1: Sidney Ponson pitched a four-hitter for his third straight win and Javy Lonez homered for visiting Balti-

Melvin Mora drove in four runs. Lopez had three RBIs and Miguel Tejada had two RBI-singles. Ponson (6-12) struck out five and walked none in his third complete game

Jose Contreras (8-5) pitched on three days' rest without success. The Orioles roughed him up for seven runs in 6<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings.

Tigers 3. White Sox 2: Jason Johnson allowed three hits in six innings, handing visiting Chicago its fifth straight loss.

Johnson (8-8) won for the fourth time in five decisions a Ugueth Urbina saved his 16th

The White Sox dropped four games behind idle Minnesota in ne AL Central.

Detroit catcher Ivan Rodriguez left the game in the third inning with back spasms.

Devil Rays 2. Royals 0: Rob Bell and three relievers combined on a four-hitter, and Tino Martinez had three hits and an RBI for host Tampa Bay.
Bell (4-4) struck out three and

walked two in 61/3 scoreless innings. Danys Baez threw a perfect ninth for his 20th save. The Devil Rays outscored the

Royals 18-3 in sweeping the three-game series. Kansas City has lost seven straight.

### Yankees' bug draws an inquiry

By Marilynn Marchione The Associated Press

NEW YORK - New York City health officials are questioning doctors for the New York Yankees about an intestinal parasite that may have sickened three players and at least one family

Yankees slugger Jason Giambi has said he is being tested for the parasite after being plagued by symptoms for the last couple months and being out of the lineup for almost a week

Giambi's wife, Kristian, and Yankees pitcher Kevin Brown also have been diagnosed with the parasitic illness, according to Giambi.

Right fielder Gary Sheffield was stricken in June with intestinal symptoms that were attributed at the time to "stomach flu" and Giambi originally blamed Sheffield for his own illness. Sheffield was so ill that his wife drove him to the ballpark for one game, but he was unable to play.

New York City Department of Health & Mental Hygiene officials said their contact with the team's physician is not an investigation. They said they had been in touch with the team doctor earlier and are attempting to follow up with him and other doctors who are involved.

"At this point it is a private matter as opposed to a public health matter." department spokesman Sid Dinsay said Thursday

Yankees General Manager Brian Cashman said Giambi would stay at home while the team awaited test results

Giambi was out of the lineup for the sixth straight game when the Yankees opened a homestand

Thursday night. Earlier Thursday,

said he expected Giambi to be at the ballpark. Later, however, he said he got a call from the All-Star first baseman saying "he didn't feel well and thought he should stay at home

Giambi sat for eight straight games amound the time of his diag. nosis on June 29, and has repeatedly said that he's been feeling

"Until he finds out completely, he's curious, worried," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "He's not feeling the way he should."

The suspected parasite, Entamoeba histolytica, is usually seen in people from poor countries, not rich ballplayers. It's a single-celled bug called a protozoan and causes an illness called amebiasis. Typical symptoms are bloody diarrhea and low abdominal pain, starting two days to up

to a month after infection People usually catch it from traveling in a country where it is common, eating or drinking tainted food or water, or having close contact with someone who is infected. It's rarely fatal when properly treated with a two-drug combination for about 21/2 weeks, but it can cause a lot of misery.

### Rodriguez, Varitek suspended for brawl

NEW YORK - New York Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez and Boston Red Sox catcher Jason Varitek were suspended for four games apiece and fined \$2,000 on Thursday, and six other players were punished for their roles in a bench-clearing brawl

Yankees pitcher Tanyon Stur-tze and Red Sox outfielders Gabe Kapler and Trot Nixon were suspended for three games and fined \$1,000 by Bob Watson, major league baseball's vice president of on-field operations.

New York outfielder Kenny Lofton, Red Sox pitcher Curt Schilling and Red Sox designated hitter David Ortiz were fined \$500 each the Yankees'

Rodriguez, All-Star third baseman, and Sturtze are appealing their suspensions. Varitek, Kapler and Nixon also plan to appeal, Red Sox spokesman Glenn Geffner said.



The fight broke out in the top of the third inning at Fenway Park last Saturday after Bronson Arroyo hit Rodriguez with a pitch.

#### City OKs Wrigley Field

CHICAGO - City building inspectors gave the go-ahead for the Chicago Cubs to play at Wrigley Field on Friday after protective netting was installed to keep chunks of concrete from falling from the upper deck onto fans.

Buildings Commissioner Stan Kaderbek announced early Friday that inspectors accepted an interim safety inspection report the Cubs submitted to the city, clearing the way for the opening game of a weekend series against Philadelphia.

There have been three reports of falling concrete at the stadium since June. No injuries have been

#### Phillies put Wagner on DL

CHICAGO - The Philadelphia Phillies on Friday put left-handed closer Billy Wagner on the 15-day disabled list with a strained rota tor cuff.

Wagner, a major offseason acquisition for the Phillies also was on the DL for more than three weeks earlier this season because of a strained groin.

"He won't pick up a ball until the end of next week," Phillies manager Larry Bowa said Friday. Wagner has 16 saves in 18 chances in 31 appearances this season. He is 3-0 with a 3.12 ERA

#### and 46 strikeouts in 342/3 innings. Royals' Gonzalez out for year

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. Kansas City Royals outfielder Juan Gonzalez is expected to miss the rest of the season with a lower back injury. Gonzalez, a

lined since May 22 He was examined by spine spe-cialist Dr. Robert Watkins in Los

Angeles this week after experi encing discomfort while on a rehabilitation assignment with the rookie league Arizona Royals. Gonzalez hit .276 with five hom-ers and 17 RBIs in 33 games with

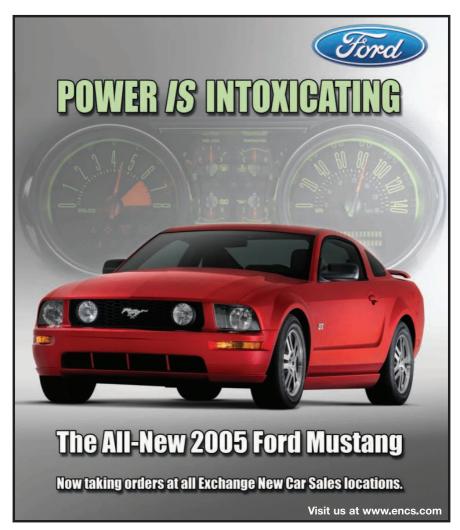
the Rovals before being injured. Texas' Cordero adds two years

ARLINGTON, Texas - The

Texas Rangers signed All-Star closer Francisco Cordero to an \$8 million, two-year extension on Thursday, avoiding the chance of arbitration this offseason and keeping him off the free-agent market the following winter. Cordero, making \$2 million this

season, received a \$250,000 bonus for signing a contract that will pay him \$3.75 million next season and \$4 million in 2006. agent Bean Stringfellow sa

Cordero is 2-0 with a 1.87 ERA and 30 saves in 32 chances.











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# **Great expectations**

After reaching playoffs in Parcells' first season, Cowboys face tougher time duplicating success

BY STEPHEN HAWKINS The Associated Press

OXNARD, Calif. — Bill Parcells has already laid a winning foundation, needing only one season to get the Dallas Cowboys back into the playoffs.

Never in his three previous coaching stops, where he also took over teams coming off losing seasons, had Parcells gotten to the postseason so quickly. The breakthrough had always come in the second year.

So now, in Parcells' second season with the Cowboys, he isn't planning to spend a lot of time re-

peating himself or re-teaching.
"In a lot of respects I will be less patient this year because my expectations are that the players should know a heck of a lot more than they did going in last year," Parcells said. "These guys that have been here for a year, they need to know what to do."

Returning players know Parcells' no-nonsense approach. He doesn't tolerate a lackadaisical effort or silly mistakes, especially from players who've been with him before.

"There's no surprise," defensive tackle La'Roi Glover said.

"You know what to expect. You know how the routine of practice is going to be, how training camp is going to be run. It eliminates a lot of excuses. ... Get the job done and let's go about our business."

That means being ready from the get-go of camp Saturday, the first of 11 sets of two-a-day practices in 12 days.

But have the Cowboys done enough to better — or even equal — last year's 10-6 record? The NFC East now has coach Joe Gibbs back in Washington and Terrell Owens and other big additions in Philadelphia.

While some needs were filled, Dallas wasn't a big offseason spender even with plenty of money under the salary cap.

Two quarterbacks were added, dv-year-old Vinny Testaverde and former baseball player Drew Henson. Defensive end Marcellus Wiley was signed and receiver Keyshawn Johnson — like Testaverde, a former Parcells player — came in a trade from Tampa Bay for Joey Galloway.

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Bill Parcells is ahead of his usual schedule. He took the New York Giants, New England Patriots and New York Jets to the playoffs in two seasons, but guided the Dallas Cowboys to the postseason in his first year.



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